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# Key to Practical Music.

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Chron. 15. 22. And Chenaniah chief of the Levites was for fong: He infiruted about the Song, because he was shillule gra 7. 24. It shall not be lawful to impose Toll, Tribute, or Custom upon Singers.

Schemiah 11. 23. A certain Portion should be for the Singers, due for every Day.

200. 17. 22. A merry Heart doeth good like a Medicine.

Mijestic God our Muse inspire, and fill us with Seraphic Fire; Augment, our Swells our Tones reline, Persormance our's, the Clary Thine.

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#### KIND READER,

O doubt you (do or ought to) remember, that about eight years ago, I published a Book entitled, The New Engl. Pfalm-Singer, &c. And truely a most matterly and inimitable Performance, I then thought it to be. Oh! how did Pfalm-Singer, &c. And truely a most matterly and inimitable Performance, I men thought to Book-Binder, while fitch foolish heart throb and beat with tumultuous joy! With what impatience did I wait on the Book-Binder, while fitch foolish heart throb and beat with tumultuous joy! With what impatience did I wait on the Book-Binder, while fitch foolish heart throb and beat with tumultuous joy! With what impatience did I wait on the Book-Binder, while fitch foolish heart throb and beat with tumultuous joy! With what impatience did I wait on the Book-Binder, while fitch the sheets and puting on the covers, with what extacy, did I freatch the yet unfinithed Book out of his hands, and prettee sheets and puting on the covers, with what extacy, did I freatch the yet unfinithed Book out of his hands, and prettee sheets and puting on the covers, with what extacy, did I freatch the yet unfinithed Book out of his hands, and prettee sheets and puting on the covers, with what extacy, did I freatch the yet unfinithed Book out of his hands, and prettee sheets and puting on the covers, with what extacy, did I freatch the yet unfinithed Book out of his hands, and prettee sheets and puting on the covers, with what extacy, did I freatch the yet unfinithed Book out of his hands, and prettee sheets and puting on the covers, with what extacy, did I freatch the yet unfinithed Book out of his hands, and prettee sheets and puting the sheet sheets and puting the sheet sheets and puting the sheet sheet sheet sheets and puting the sheet sheet sheet sheets and puting the sheet sheet sheets and puting the sheet sheet sheet sheets and puting the sheet sheets and puting the sheet sheet sheet sheets and puting the sheet sheet sheet sheet sheets and puting the sheet sheet sheet sheet sheet sheets and puting the sheet it to my bosom, with rapturous delight, how lavish was I, in encomiums on this infant production of my own Nu Welcome; thrice welcome; thou legitimate offspring of my brain, go forth my listle Book, go forth and immortalize "ame of your Author; may your sale be rapid and may you speedily run through ten thousand Editions, may you be a welco. reselt in all companies and what will add tenfold to thy dignity, may you find your way into the Libraries of the Learned. Thou Reuben, my first born, the beginning of my Arength, the excellency of my dignity, and the excellency of my power. But to reat mortification. I soon discovered it was Reuben in the sequel, and Reuben all over; for unhable as water, it did not excefince I have began to play the Critic, I will go through with my Criticilms, and endeavour to point out its beauties as well as ormities, and it must be acknowledged, that many of the pieces are not so oftentatious, as to sound forth their own praises; for has been judiciously observed, that the oftener they are sounded, the more they are abased. After impartial examination, I have covered that many of the pieces in that Book were never worth my printing, or your inspection; therefore in order to make you ple amends for my former intrusion, I have selected and corrected some of the Tunes which were most approved of in that book, have added several new peices which I think to be very good ones; for if I thought otherwise, I should not have presented the But however, I am not so tenacious of my own opinion, as to define you to take my word for it; but cather advise you all The a Book and fatisfy yourselves in that particular, and then, I make no doubr, but you will readily concur with me in this for

\* he Singing-Master's Assistant, is a much better Book, than the New England Psalm Singer. And now Reader

or eyen desire but your compliance with the following.

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# ADVERTISEMENT.

- A N Y of my Musical friends in the Country, have taken Copies from this work, and perhaps with some variation; therefore, I should esteem it as a pecular mark of their favour, if they would kindly submit all former Copies to this Publication, which has been corrected and amended by their sincere friend and well wisher,
- P. S. I have been very careful, to give credit for words, and where no credit is given, the words are written by the Author.
- WHERE the words are not written under each part, you may find them under the Counter.
- \*\* By way of Apology, I take this Method to acquaint the Public, that the Book of Anthems which I promised them, was just upon the point of publication, when Hostilities commenced between Britain and the Colonies; which Unhappy War, was the sole motive that induced me to "hang my harp upon the willows," and suppress the publication; but relying so far upon their Candour, as to suppose myself already forgiven, I here renew my former promise of which there as some as our political affairs have assumed a still brighter aspect.

# To the several Teachers of Music, in this, and the adjacent States.

MY BRETHREN,

HAVE drawn up the rules of Practical Music, as concise as the nature of the thing would admit, and have inserted them in course, as they should be taught; I recommend it to you to teach after the manner they are inserted; it being the best method I have yet sound, from long experience.

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Lesson Ist. For Tenor, or In		For Counter.		For Bass.
G 101.		General Colo		B mi.
F. la.		F fz.		G. Sole
Description for factors		D fol.		Francos 19.
Bni.		Commina.  B mi.		D—fol.
G101.		A fole		C fa:
F fa.		Femala.		A la.
D fol.				Fig.

OBSERVE, that from E, to F, and from B, to C, are half Notes afcending, and from F, to E, and from C, to B, descending for that an Office confilts of five whole, and two half Notes: Likewise he very careful to make a proper distinction between the sound of B—mi, and C—fa; for many Singers who have not curious care, are apt to strike B—mi, as high as C—fa, in sharp

## LESSONII. ON TRANSPOSITION.

THE natural place for Mi is in B: but if B be flat, Mi is in E. If B and E be flat, Mi is in A. If B, E and A be flat, Mi is in D. is B, E, A, and D be fiet, Mi is in G. Is F be sheip, Mi is in F, Is F and C be sharp, Mi is in C. Is F, C and G be sharp, Mi is in G. If F, C, G and D be sharp, Mi is in D. And when you have found Mi in any of these variations, the Notes above arc sag sol, la, sa, sol, la, and then comes Mi again, and the Notes below Mi, are la, sol, sa, la, sol, sa, and then comes Mi again,

#### I, II S S O N III. On CLIFFS.

THE Bass Cliff is always fixed on the upper line but one; it gives the line it stands upon the name of F. The tenor Cliff is fix'd in my work on the lowest line but one; it gives the line it stands upon the name of G; and, if it is removed to any other line, lit removes G with it. The counter Cliff stands upon the middle line, in my work; but if it is removed to any other line, it gives the live it flands upon the name of C. The treble Cliff is fixed on the lower line but one, and gives the line it flands upon the name of G.

This Cliff is never removed; but fiands fixed an-Offave above the tenor. N. B. According to these Cliss, a note on the middle line in the tenor, is a fixth above a note on the middle line of the Bals; a note on the middle line of the treble, is a thirteenth above the middle line of the hais, and an eight above the middle line of the tenor; a note on the middle line of the counter, is a seventh above the middle line of the Bass, and one note above the middle line of the tenor,

and a seventh below the middle line of the trebie.

To find the Octave to any found, add seven to it, viz. The Octave to a third, is a tenth, and the Octave to a sourth is an eleventh, &c. &c.

#### On CHARACTERS. LESSON.IV.

THE names of the fix Musical Notes now in use, and how they are proportioned from each other, together with their respective Resis. 18. THE Semibreve, which is the langest note now in use, though formerly the shortest; this note when set in the Adagio Mood, is to be founded four Seconds, or as long as four Vibrations of the Pendulum which is 39%, inches long. This is the measure noise and guideth all the rest, it is in suspe something like she letter O. 2d. THE Minum is but half the length of the Semioreve, having a tail to it.

3d. The Crotcher is but half the length of the Minum, having a black heads 

# For the Woser. Refts. and other Characters, see page 103.

Ath. THE Quaver is but half the length of the Crotchet, having the tail turned up at the end, except there are two, or three, or more together, and then one stroke serves to tie them all.

5th. THE Semiguiver is but baif the length of the Quaver, having the tail turned up with two firomes. 6th. THE Demilemiquaver is but half the length of the Semiquaver having the tail turned up with three Arokes; this is the shortest mote now in use. A Reft is a note of Silence, which fignifies, that you must rest, or keep silence as long, as you would be sounding one of the notes it is intended to sepresent. The Rest which is set to the Semibreve should be called a Bar-Rest, because it is used to fill an empty Bas in all the Moods of Time.

A Prick of persection is not well named in my Opinion, because a Note may be persect without it: a point of addition is the best mame; because it adds one third to the time of any Note; for a pointed Semibreve contains three Minims, a pointed Minim contain three Crotchets, appointed Croichet contains whree Quavers, a Pointed Quaver contains three Semiquavers, and a pointed Semiquave contains three Demisemiquavers.

Or the second Lesson of CHARACTERS.

ift. A Flat serves to link a Note half a tone lower than it was before, and Flats set at the beginning serve to flat all Notes that ar Inserted on that line or space, unless contradicted by an accidental Sharp or Natural. Likewise they are used to drive Mi, from on place to another.

2d. A Sharp serves to raise a Note half a tone higher than it was before, and sharps set at the beginning of the Staff serve to sharp all Notes which occur on that line or space, unless contradicted by an accidental Flat or Natural. They are also used to draw M

from one place to another.

3d. A Repeat is to direct the performer, that such a part is to be repeated over again, that is, you must look back to the first repeat and perform all the Notes that are between the two Repeats over again; it is also used in Canons to direct the following Parts, to sa

in at such Notes as it is placed over.

4th. A Slur is in form like a bow, drawn over, or under, the Heads of two, three, or more Notes, when they are to be fung but one fyllable. 5th. A Bar is to divide the Time in Music, according to the Mood in which the tune is set; it is also used to direct the personne

in beating Time; for the hand must be always falling in the first part of a Bar, and rising in the last part; both in Common, ar Triple Time; it is also intended to shew where the Accents sall, which are always in the first, and third part of a Bar, in Commo

Time, and in the first part of the Bar, in Triple Time,

6th. A Direct is placed au the end of the Staff, to direct the performer to the place of the fift note in the next Staff. 7th. A Natural is a mark of refforation, which being fet before any note that was made flat, or sharp, at the beginning, restores it to its former natural tone; but not to its natural name, as many have imagined; unless it is fet at the deginning of a ferain, which

was made flat, or flaten, and then it refores it to its former majural-kev. A Single Trill is so direct the performer to divide the note it is set over into three. See the Example.

9th. A Double Trill is to direct the persormer, to divide the note it is set over into five parts. See the Example:

N. B. Many ignorant Singers take great licence from these Trills, and without confining themselves to any rule, they shake all notes promiscuously, and they are as apt to tear a note in pieces, which should be Rruck sair and plump, as any other. Let such perse Tons be informed, that it is impossible to stake a note, without going off of it, which occasions horrid discords; to remedy which evil, they must not shake any note but what is marked with a Trill, and that according to rule, which may be easily learned, under a good master-

Join. A Divider is to divide, or set off the parts which move together. 11th. A mark of distinction is fet over a note, when it is to be atuck distinct and emphatis, without using the grace of Transitions.

N. B. Tois character, when properly applied, and rightly performed, is very majestic.

A Chose is made up of three four, or more Bars, and always set at the end of a tune; it fignishes as conclusions.

#### ESSON

An Explanation of the several Moods of Time.

THE Hill, or flowest Wood of Time, is called Adagio, each Bar containing to the amount of one Semibreve: Four seconds of time are required to perform each Bar; Lrecommend crotches bearing in this Mood, performed in the following manner, viz. Arte: firike the ends of the fingers, secondly the heel of the hand, then thirdly; raise your hand a little and thut it up, and sourthly, raise your hand will higher and throw it open at the same time: These motions are called two down and two up; or crotchet beating. And Pendulum to beat Crotchets in this Mood, should be thirty nine inches, and two tenths.

THE second Mood is called Largo, which is in proportion to the Adagionas 5, is to 4, you may beat this two several ways, either orce down and once up, in every Bar, which is called Minimbeating; or twice down and twice up, which is called Crotchet beating; the same way you beat the Adagio. Where the tune soniks chiesly of Minims, I recommend Minim beating ; but where it is made; up of less Notes, I recommend Crotchet beating: The length of the Rendidlumito beat Minims in this Wood, must be seven seet, source soches and two sepths; and the Readulum to beat Civichess, must be twenty swowinches, and one swentieth of an inch. N.B. When I think it advisable to beat Largo in Minim beating, I write "Minim beating" over the top of the tune, and where

these words are not wrote, you may beat Crotchest beating. THE third Mood is called Aliegro, it is as quick again as Adagio, so that Minims are sung, to the time of seconds. This is per-

formed in Minim beating, viz. one down and one up; the Pendulum to beat Minims must be thirty-nine inches and two tenths.

THE fourth Mood is called two from four, marked thus 2, each Bar containing two Crotchets, a Crotchet is performed in the time of half a second; this is performed in Crotchet beating, viz. one down and one up. The Pendulum to beat Crotchets in this Mood must be nine inches and eight tenths long.

N. B. The four above-mentioned moods are all Common-time.

Turnext Mood is called fix to four marked thus 2, each Bar containing fix Crotchets, three beat down, and three up. The Pendulum to beat three Crotchets in this Mood, must be thirty-nive inches and two tenths long.

The next Mood is called fix from eight, marked thus &, each Bar containing fix Quavers, three beat down, and three up.

Pendulum to beat three Quavers, in this Mood, must be twenty-two inches and one twentieth.

N. B. The two last Moods are neither Common, nor Triple time; but compounded of both, and in my opinion, they are very

THE next Mood is called three to two, marked thus &, each Bar containing three Minims, two to be beat down, and one up; the motions are made after the following manner, viz. Let your hand fall, and observe first to strike the ends of your singers, then secondly the heel of your hand, and thirdly, raise your hand up, which finishes the Bar: These motions, must be made in equal times, not allowing more time to one motion than another. The Pendulum that will beat Minims in this Mood, must be thirty-nine inches

THE next Mood is called three from four, marked thus 3, each Bar containing three Crotchets, two beat down, and one up The Pendulum to beat Crotchets in this Mood, must be twenty-two inches and one twentieth long.

And here it may not be amije to inform you, how the length of Pendulums are calculated; take this instance, Suppose a Pendulum, of thirty-nine inches and two tenths, will wibrate in the time of a second, then divide 39% by 4, and it will give you the length of a Pendulum, that will vibrate twice as quick; and, multiply 39% by 4, and it will give the length of a Penaulum, that will vibrate twice as flow. Make a Pendulum of common thread well waxed and instead of a bullet take a piece of heavy wood turned perfectly round, a susthe bigness of a puller's egg, and rub them over, either with shalk, paint, or white wash, so that they may be plainly seen by candle light THE fame motion is aled in this mood, that was laid down in 1, only quicker, according to the Pendulum.

THE next Mood is called three from eight, marked thus 1, each Bar containing three Quavers, two beat down, and one up. The Pendulum to beat whole Bars in this Mood must be four feet, two inches, and two tenths of an inch long. The same motion is used for three from eight, as for 1, only quicker; and in this Mood you must make three motions of the hand, for every swing of the Pendulum. M. B. This is but an indifferent Mood, and almost out of uses.

N. E. The three last mentioned Moods, are all in Triple Time, and the reason why they are called Triple, is, because they are three soil, or measured by threes; for the meaning of the word Triple is threefold. And Common Time, is measured by Numbers, as 2—4—8—16—32,—viz. 2 Minims, 4 Crotchets, 8 Quavers. 16 Semiquavers, or 32 Demissariquavers, are included in each Bar, either of which amounts to but one Semibreve; therefore the Semibreve is called the Measure Note; because all Moods are measured by it, in the sollowing manner, viz. the sourch Mood in Common Time, is called two from sour, and why is it called soil I answer in the sollowing manner. Viz. the fourth Mood in Common Time, is called two from sour, and why is it called soil I answer in because the upper figure implies that there are two Notes of some kind included in each Bar, and the lower figure informs you how many of the same fort it takes to make one Semibreve. And in it the upper figure tells you, that there are three Notes contained in a Bar, and the lower figure will determine them to be Quavers; because it takes eight Quavers to make one Semibreve.

N. B. This Rule will hold good in all Monds of Time.

Observe, that when you meet with three Notes tied together with the figure 3 over, or under them, you mult sound them in the time you would two of the same fort of Notes, without the figure. Note, that this Character is in direct a pposition to the points of addition; for as that adds one third of the Time to the Note which is pointed, so this diminishes one third of the Time of the Notes over which it is placed; therefore I think this Character may with much propriety be called the Character of Diminution.

Likewise, you will often meet with the Figures 1, z, the Figure one standing over one Bar, and Figure two standing over the next Bar, which signifies a Repeat; and observe, that in singing that frain the first time you perform the Bar under Figure 1, and omit the Bar under Figure 2, and in repeating you perform the Bar under figure 2, and omit the Bar under Figure 2, which is so contrived to fill out the Bar; for the Bar under sigure 1 is not always full, without borrowing a Beat; or half Beat; &c. fr om the first Bar which is repeated, whereas the Bar under Figure 2, is, or ought to be full, without borrowing from any other but the first Bar in the Tune; and if the first Bar is full, the Bar under Figure 2 must be full likewise. Be very carefull to firite in proper 1 pon a half Beat; but this is much easier obtained by Practice than Precept, provided you have an able Tea saer.

#### LESSON VII.

Syncope, syncopation, or driving Notes, either thro' Bars, or thro' cach other, are subjects that have not been sufficiently explained by any writers I have met with; therefore I shall be very particular, and give you several Examples, together with their Variation

and Explanations.

Example first. The time is Allegro, and the Bar is filled with a Minim between two Crotchets; you must take half the time of the Minim, and carry it back to the first Crotchet, and the last half to the last Crotchet, and then it will be equal to two Crotchets

each beat. See the Example, where it is expressed two or three different ways.

In the 2d Example, the time is Allegro, and the Bar is filled with a Crotchet before a pointed Minim; take half the Minim and came w back to the Crotchet, which makes one Beat; then the last half of the Minim, together with the point of Addition, compleats the last Beat In Example third, you will find a Minim in one Bar tied to a point of Addition, in the next Bar, which fignifies that the found of the pointed Minim is continued the length of a Crotchet into the next Bar; but the time which is occasioned by the point of Addi

z zion, is to help fill the Bar it stands in.

Example sourch is the same in ?, as the first Example in Aliegro.

Example fifth is the same as Example Second.

Example fixth is the same in 3, as Example third in Allegro.

Example seventh is in 1, as difficult, as any part of Syncope; therefore I have given several Variations from the Example, in which the Bar is filled with two pointed Minims, which must be divided into three parts, in the following manner, viz. the first Minim must be Beat with the ends of the Fingers, secondly the point of Addition, and the first half of the last Minim, must be beat with the Helphane with the ends of the Fingers, secondly the point of Addition, and the first half of the last Minim, must be beat with the of the hand, and thire by, the last half of the last Minim, together with the point of Addition, must be beat with the hand rising; and in the several variation is you must divide the Notes into three equal parts, so as to have one Minim in each Beat: And in all the Examples with their vi triations, you must first inform yourself what particular Note goes for one Beat, whether Minim, Croichet d Quaver, and then divid e the syncopated note accordingly. As this subject has not been very fairly explained by any of our model

Authors, I have great re afon to think that it is not well understood; therefore I recommend it to all Teachers, to infilt very much of this part of practical Music; it is a very essential part of their office: And if any who sustain the office of Teachers, should not able to perform this Brang h of their Business by the help of these Examples; (for their Honor and wheir Pupils interest) I advise su Semiteachers to refign that 'r office, and put themselves under some able Master, and never presume to commence Teachers again, unt they thorough's understan a both Syncope and Syncopation in all its variations.

N B. The same Examples of Syncope and Syncopation, which are set down in 1, you may have in 1; only observe to substitut linims for Semibreves, Crotchets for Minims, and Quavers for Crotchets; and in 3, you must make the Notes as short again as they

When you meet with the two or three Notes standing one over the other, they are called choosing Notes, and signify that you nay fing which you please, or all, if your part has performers enough, and remember that they add not to the time; but to the variety,

THE Grace of Transition is sliding; not jumping, from one note to another; therefore, it is called a Grace, because it is doing the rork gracefully; it is intended as an ornament, which it really is, if it is well performed; it is also intended to sweeten the roughness of a leap. In my opinion, the turning thirds up and dows, is a beautiful part of music; but you must not use the Grace of Transition, or lean on the intermediate Note in thirds, where the Notes are but a half beat in length; for that makes them found like Notes tied ogether in threes; but you must strike such Notes as distinctly and emphatically as possible. See the Example, where I have set lown, first the plain Notes, with the Grace following; and the half best Notes are inserted in the Grace, as they are in the Example, which fignifies that the Grace of Transition is not used in such Notes, in any case whatever.

### LESSONIX.

THERE are but four Primitive Concords in Music, viz. the Unison, Third, Fifth and Six; their Octaves are also meant. The Unison, is called a perfect Chord; the fifth is also called perfect: The third and fixth are called impersect, because their sounds are not so sweet as the persect. The Discords are, a second, a sourth, and a seventh, with their Octaves,

HERE take an Example of the several Concords and Discords, with their Ostaves under them.

#### A Table of Concords and Discords.

1	2	3	4	5	- 6	7
8	9	10	II	12	<b>1</b> 3	14
Î.5	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Primitive Scunds,

Their Octaves.

And their Octaves again.

And their triple Octaves.

Concords.

Concords.

Concords.

Concords.

By this Example, we see that there is a Discord between almost every Concord, which shews the extream difficulty of selecting the Concords from the Discords. For instance, it I attempt to strike a third, and strike it a little too six, I can into the second; and it I stake it too starp, I run into the fourth. Again, suppose I aim to strike an eighth, and strike it too star, I sall into the seventh; or if I strike too sharp, I run into the ninth; so that to six, on either hand, is

equality pernicious, and destructive to the Harmony.

Many persons imagine, that if they strike within a half note of the true sound, they are tolerable good singers; for they say, "we strike it almost right, and therefore, we are very excusable." But let such persons be informed, that to strike a Note almost well, is striking it very ill indeed; for they had better strike it ten Notes off from therefore to sound, than to strike it a half Note; because a tenth is a Concord, and a half Note is a Discord; hence it appears that the nicer the Eur, the truer the sound; for as the ear is the tampire of all sound, I recommend it to all, who are blessed with musical ears, to study the art of music, and I presume they will not lose their labour; and, if they have not very extraordinary voices, yet by the help of their ear, they will harmoni e well in concert. And those who have not a curious ear, I heartily wish could be perswaded to leave to practice of music to such as have; for I hereby inform them, that if they had the wissom of Selemen, and the voice of an Angel, yet for want of a distinguishing ear, they would never make any proficiency in this sublime Art.

THERE are but two natural primitive Keys in Mulic, viz. A. the first Key, and C. the sharp Key. No Tune can be formed rightly and truly, but on one of these two Keys, except the Mi be transposed by flats, or sharps, which bring them to the same effect, as the two natural Keys. B. Mi, must always be one Note above, or one Note below they Key; if above, then it is a flat Key, and, if below, then it is a sharp Key. Bur to speak more simply, if the last Note in the Bals, which is the Key Note, is named sa, then it

is a charp Key, and if la, then it is a flu Key; and observe, that it cannot end properly with Mi, or Sol N.B. It is very effential that these two Keys thould be well understood, and must be strictly enquired into by all musical Practitioners; for without a good understanding of their different natures, no person can be a good judge of Music. The different essess they have upon people of different Constitutions, are surprising, as well as diverting. As Music is said to cure several disorders, if I was to undertake for the Patients, I should chuse rather to inject these two Keys into their Ears, to operate on their Auditory, than to pre-

Teribe after the common custom of Physicians. Charifters must always remember to set flat Keyed Tunes to melancholy words, and sharp Keyed Tunes to chearful words.

LESSONXI. Concerning Seurs.

IN turning a chain of Notes under a Slur, you must keep your lips assunder, from the first Note to the last; for every time you bring your lips together you break the Shir, and spoil the Syllable, which is very disagreeable to the Ears of all good Judges; because It destroys the Prenounciation; but to avoid that, you must keep your lips and teeth asunder, till the Siur is finished, and if it be posfible, hold your breath to the end of the S'ur; because Ropping for breath, makes great breach in Pronounciation. And in order to do that more effectually, I advise you to take breath just before you get to a Slur; and then you may go through with case; and I think it is ornamental to hing a Chain of Notes something softer than you do where they are plain.

Be sure not to force the Sound thro' your Mose; but warble the Notes in your Threat; and by sollowing these directions, you may presently become expert in the practice; and in performing Pieces where your part is sometimes silent, after you have beat your empty Bars, you must fall in with \* Spirit; because that gives the Audience to understand another part is added, which perhaps they

would not be so sersible of, if you struck in soft.

\* In fuging Music you must be very distinct and emphasic, not only in the Tune, but in the pronounciation; for if there happens to be a Number of greater Voices in the Concert than your own, they will swallow you up; therefore in such a case, I would recommend to you the resolution (tho' not the impudence) of a discarded Actor, who efter he had been twice hissed off the Stage, mounted again, and with great Assurance he thundered out these words " I will be heard."

#### LESSON XII. Concerning PRONOUNCIATION!

MANY words which end in Y, and I, should be pronounced as ee, but not all words; for instance, the words santify, magnify, justify, glorify, &c. must be pronounced as they are spelt, otherwise they would run thus, santifee, magnifee, justifee, glorifee, which some states of pronounceation would utterly destroy the sense. Musicial pronouncers must never facrifice the sense, for the sake of softening the sound; but were the sense and the sound run counter to each other, the sound must give way. Yet there are many words which end in Y, that may be pronounced as ee, without hurting the sense: as for instance, the words majesty, mighty, lossy, &c. these words speike the Ear much pleasanter, when ty, is softened into tee, and the sense is as well (or better) expressed, than it could be the other way; but I have heard some singers pronounce my as me, because they were strenuously set against ending any syllable with Y or I, which I think is very absurd, and is very often in the sace and eyes of common sense; for supposing these words should occur, My soul praise the Lord, speak good of his name. According to their manner of pronounciation, it would run thus me soul praise the Lord, Speak good of his name. According to their manner of pronounciation, it would run thus me soul praise they had begun to sing by Note, and sell into the words inadventently. Me soul, having the same sound in singing, 25, mi sol, and all this consuled jumble arises from the misapplication of one letter.

But however, if the sense of the subject obliges you to sound ty, or ti according to the strictness of the letter, you must not strike them so emphatically, as you would tee; but endeavour to slide over them smoothly and easily, and with a (seemingly) careless air;

ease in finging is very ornamental, and a good Pronouncer is accounted almost half a Singer.

#### LESSON XIII.

SING that part which gives you least pain, otherwise you make it a toil, instead of pleasure; for if you attempt to sing a part which is (almost or quite) out of your reach, it is not only very laborious to the performer; but often very disagreeable to the hearer, by reason of many wry faces and uncouth postures, which rather resemble a person in extreme pain, than one who is supposed to be pleasantly employed. And it has been observed, that those persons, who sing with most ease, are in general the most musical; for easy single is a distinguishing mark of a natural Singer, and it is vastly more agreeable (at least to me) to hear a few wild uncultivated the latter

founds from a natural Singer, than a Concert of Music performed by the most refined artificial singers upon earth; provided the latter have little or not assistance from nature.

ONE very essential thing in Music, is to have the parts properly proportioned; and here I think we ought to take a grateful notice that the Author of Harmony has so curiously constructed our Organs, that there are about three or four deep voices suitable for the Bal

to one for the upper parts, which is about the proportion required in the laws of Harmony; for the voices on the Bass should be madified, deep and foliant; the tenor, full, bold and manly; the Counter foud, clear and lofty; the Treble foft, shrill, and some of the parts had better be omitted; for it is a maxim with me, that two parts; well sung, are better then sour parts indifferently sung; and I had rather hear sour people sing well, than sour hundred almost well.

GOOD finging is not confined to great finging, nor is it entirely dependent on small finging. I have heard many great voices, that never struck a harsh Note, and many small voices that never struck a pleasant one; therefore if the Tones be Musical, it is not material whether the voices be greater, or less; yet I allow there are but sew voices, but what want restraining, or softening upon high notes, to take off the harshness, which is as disagreeable to a delicate ear, as a wire-edged raisor to a tender face, or a smooky House to tender eyes. It is an essential thing in a master, to propagate soft singing in the school; because soft musick, has a great tendency to refine the ears of the performers, and I know by experience, that a new piece may be learned with more case to the master and schoolars, where they practice soft singing, and in less than half the time, it would otherwise require. Here take a sew hints, viz.

I. LET the low noies in the bass be flruck suil, and the high noies soft.

z. Lar not the upper parts overpower the lower ones.

3. Let each performer attend critically to the Arength of his own voice, and not Arive to hig louder than the rest of the company; unless he is in the place of a leader.

4. LET each performer fing the part that is most suitable to his voice; and never stretch it beyond its proper bearing.

5. If you are so unbappy, as to set a piece too high, it is best to worry through without lowering the pitch; because that has a tendency to take away the spirit of the performers; but if you set a piece too low you may raise it according to your judgment, and that will serve to animate the performers.

6. Do not set the pieces so high as to Arain the voices; for that takes away all pleasure in the performance, and all music from

the composition.

7. FINALLY let every persormer be fusiy qualissed for a leader.

I would take this opportunity, to acquaint my younger Pupils, that it is deemed a point of ill manners to invade the province of another, by finging a Solo, which does not belong to your part; for it will admit of these two constructions, viz. that the persons to whom it is affigned, are not capable of doing justice to the piece, or at least, that you are more capable than they. It is also very degrading to the author to sing, when he (for reasons perhaps unknown to you) by presenting a number of empty Bars, tacitly forbids

your finging, and no doubt this intention of his, is to illustrate some grand point, in the plan of the composition; when, hy your ills timed interuption. you not only defiroy the fense, intended to be conveyed in the composition; but convey a very different senset

the audience: therefore for you to fing, when the author forbids your finging, is both unmannerly and oftentatious. It is also well worth your offervation, that the grand contention with us, is, not who shall fing leadest; but who shall fing best.

N. B. ALTROUGH these lessons must be well understood by the scholars; yet I do not infit upon their being kept from sounding until they have thoroughly attained them; but before the foncol is finished, you must read lestures upon every leston, and they must read them until they remember the substance without a book, so far as to recite each letson, and if they do not understand all the terms that are made use of, they may find them in the Dictionary, in which, I have been very careful to insert as many musical words, is I thought necessity.

## Rules how to call the Notes readily in all the parts.

Suppose, for instance, you can call the Notes in the Tenor, by the same rule you may call them in the Treble, because the Mi is fixed on the same line, or space. The Mi in the Bass is two Notes lower than it is in the Tenor, or Treble, as thus. If the Mile on the middle line in the Tenar, then it is on the lower line but one in the Bass. The Mi in the Counter is but one Mote lower than it is in the Tenor, or Treble, therefore if the Mi be an the upper line in the Tenor, or Treble, than it is in the upper space in the Counter and the Mi in the Counter is one Note higher than it is in the Bass.

## Observe these Rules for regulating a Singing-School.

As the well being of every fociety depends in a great measure upon GOOD ORDER,\* I here present you with some general rules

iff. Let the fociety be ith formed, and the articles figued by every individual; and all those who are under age, should apply to be observed in a Singing School. their parents, masters or guardians to fign for them: the house should be provided, and every necessary for the school should be procured, before the atrival of the Matter, to prevent his being unnecessarily detained.

2d. The Members should be very punctual in attending at a certain hour, or minute, as the master shall direct sunder the penalty of

I have heard it remerked that " Order was the first thing which took place in Heaven."

Imali fine, and if the master should be delinquent, his fine to be double the sum laid upon the scholars. Said fines to be appropriated a to the use of the school, in procuring wood, candles, &c.

N. B. The fines to be collected by the Clerk, so chosen for that purpose.

3d. All the scholars should submit to the judgment of the master, respecting the part they are to sing; and if he should think fit to remove them from one part to another, they are not to contradict, or cross him in his judgment; but they would do well to suppose it is to answer some special purpose; because it is morally impossible for him to proportion the parts properly, until he has made

himself acquainted with the ffrength and fitness of the pupil's voices.

4th. No unnecessary conversation, whispering, or laughing, to be practised; for it is not only indecent, but very impolitic; it being a needless expence of time, and instead of acquiring to themselves respect, they render themselves ridiculous and contemptable in the eyes of all serious people; and above all, I enjoin it upon you to refrain from all levity, both in conduct and conversation, while finging sacred words; for where the words G & Christ, Redremer, &c. occur, you would do well to remember the third Commandment, the profanation of which, is a heinous crime, and God has expressly declared he will not hold them guiliness who take his name in vain; and remember that in so doing, you not only dishonor God and sin against your own souls; but you give occasions and very just ground to the adversaries or enemies of music, to speak reproachfully. Much more might be said; but the rest I shall is leave to the Master's direction, and your own discretion, heartily wishing you may reap both pleasure and profit, in this your laudable undertaking:

### An Historical Account of G. Gamut, as related by herself, taken in short hand by the Author.

I, G. Gamut, was neither begotten, nor born; but invented \* by the Royal Plalmilt, that great master of Sacred Music, who in an

<sup>&</sup>quot;It is recorded in Sacred writ, that while I was in Embryo "The morning Jians Sang together, and all the Sons of God Thouted for joy." And that Miriam and the children of Israel sang praises to God; but I suppose it was by immediate inspiration, or some supernatural allistance; for I frankly conjest they had no affiliance from me. decree and a second and a second and a second a

extracy of joy, was infoired by God, and affilted by me; to "to break forth into joy" faying, "I will bleft the Lord at all "timer, his praise shall continually be in my mouth" and not contenting himself with this Divine Solilequy, he earnessly, in the vehemence of his spring, calls upon "every thing that hath breath, to praise the Lord" sweetly inviting them in these enchanting strains, "O ! tasse and fact that the Lord is good," and again "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his holy name together." "O sing unto the Lord a fact that the Lord is good," and again "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his holy name together." "O sing unto the Lord, in new song; warship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. And by way of adoration, he seems fully determined, to praise the Lord, in such strains as these, "O God, my heart is fixed, I will sing and give praise, I will sing, praise unto my God while I have being. It such strains as these, "O God, my heart is fixed, I will sing and give praise, I will sing, praise unto my God while I have being. It has been judiciously observed, that the staff which David carried in his hand, when he went forth against Golish, was a musical staff; has been judiciously observed, that the staff which beag, were but types of the sive lines, of which that staff was composed. It is also supposed by and the tive stones which he put into the bag, were but types of the sive lines, of which that staff was composed. It is also supposed by and the tive stones which he put into the bag, were but types of the sive lines, of which that staff was composed. It is also supposed by and the tive stones which he put into the bag, were but types of the sive lines, of which that staff was composed. It is also supposed to the supposed by and the stones which he put into the bag, were but types of the sive lines, of which that staff was composed. It is also supposed to the supposed by and the stones are supposed by and the stones and the supposed by the supposed by the supposed by the supposed

The wife man says, that "to every thing there is a season, and a time to svery purpose under the sun." And the Royal Pselmist soys, and it will fing of mercy and of judgment." Surely, this holy example is worthy our imitation, and if we are authorised to sing both of mercy and of judgment, we may sing day and night without ceasing a for the prophet Feremiah tells us, that his mercies are new every morning; and in another place, he says "righteous art thou O Lord, yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments." It remains then, that we "Bless the Lord at all times, and let his praise be continually in our mouths."

† This Dominant Tone, is typical of a strong faith of which David seems to avail himself, and upon this strength he (in the language of a christian here) most emphatically expresses himself, in the following words, "The Lord is on my side, I will not fear what man can do unto me." And again, "I hough an host should encompass me about, yet I will not be offraid; for I will go on in the strength of the Lord my God."

L'A canon is a sort of musical composition variously composed and performed.

The Tone which was chosen by King Jehoshaphat's army was this, viz. "Praise the Lord, for his mercy endureth forever." His worthy of notice, that the canon was pointed towards heaven, and not towards the enemy. And farther it has been observed, that whenever the Uraclites were not furnished with this kind of artillery, they were easily vanquished by their enemisses.

of this canon by Paul and Silas, caused the earth to reply \* by way of unison, in such an extraordinary manner, that it produced a great earthquake, fo that the foundations of the prison were shaken, the doors (in spite of locks, bolts and bars) slew open, the handcuffs and shackles relinquished their hold; so that the house was no longer a prison; for all restraint was miraculously taken away. By way of gratitude, I acknowledge myself much indebted to Pythagoras, that Prince of Philosophers, who introduced me into the Royal Family, or number + seven: Nor can I, in justice to Guido Aretinus, # pass by his great merit unnoticed; sor before this great Musical Physician undertook for me, my habit of body was so decayed, and my constitution so much impaired, by the quackery of many musical impostures, that many of my true votaries began to despair of my recovery. And, here it may not be amiss to inform you, that I am a very fruitful matron, being always pregnant; and it is in the breast of the operators, to deliver me of either gender they think proper. The children being equally handy to the birth. I am exempted from the common curse of mothers in general; for I bring forth without pain: Though sometimes at my delivery, I am so roughly handled, that it causes abortion, or some monstrous birth. But, thanks to great Guido, my habit of body is so strong, and my constitution so sirm, that I receive no manner of injury thereby. I am a great lover of my natural offspring; yet so great is my impartiality, that I have given a power of attorney,

\* Philosophers agree, that there is a natural propensity in every sonorous body to reply (by way of echo) to any sounding body in uniform with itself; and it is well known that the deeper the sone, the greater the tremor. Hence it is, that cannon by reason of their extreme depth, affect the air so surfebly.

+ Historians relate, that " Puthagoras, in passing by a Smith's shop, found that the sounds proceeding from the hammers, were either more grave, or accute, according to the different weights of the hummers. The Philosopher, to improve this hint, suspends different weights by firings of the same bigness. and found in like manner, that the sounds answered to the weights. This being discovered, he found out those numbers which produced sounds, that were conforant: as that two strings of the same substance and tension, the one being. double to the other in length, gave that interval, which is called a Diapason. The same was also effected from two strings of the same length and fixe, the one having four times the tenfion of the other. By these steps from so mean a beginning did this great man reduce what was only neife before, to one of the most delightful sciences, by marrying it to the Mathematicks." Note, that Pythageras was born an Samos, 524 years before Christ.

He was a great improver of the Musical Scale: He canfed it to be called Gamut, that it might I Guido lived about 710 years ago. Lifforians relate, that he was born in Tuscany. Levis obe first lesser of his name.

to Harmony, who has made choice of these three sagacious gentlemen to be present at my delivery, viz. Tune, Time, and Concord And if they (in their great wisdom) shall judge the issue to be unnatural, I chearfully consent that the law should take place upon it, viz. That it should be smothered: And if any piece, which stands thus legally condemned, should chance to escape the vigilance of

this Committee, I hereby declare (in spite of the parodox) that it is not mine; but illegitimate. My fons \* have a strong propensity to mirth and chearfulness, always delighting to frequent weddings, festivals, concerts, &c. and some of them seem to be greatly pleased in warlike atchievements, and tho' they carry no instruments of death or destruction, yell they are so extremely animating + that they cause even cowards to fight, and pusillanimity to perform wonders. And though they are often times exposed to the hottest fire of the enemy, yet they are never in danger, because Apollo has rendered them invulnerable.

My Daughters I have as great a propensity to grief and melancholy, as their brothers to mirth and chearfulness; always attending absent lovers and singing funeral Elegies, Dirge's, &c. And though their dispositions are so diametrically opposite to each other, yet it is very common to find them both in the same Authem, not by way of contradiction, or consuston; but in exact conformity

to the time mentioned by the wife man, who faid, "There is a time to mourn, and a time to rejoice."

FOR one fays, "Omy God, my soul is cast down within me," and again "My soul cleaveth to the dust, my soul melteth for beaviness." The other saith, "Sing ye merrily unto God, our strength; make a chearful noise unto the God of Jacob." And again, Make a joyful-noise & unto the Lord all ye lands; ferve the Lord with gladness."

The sharp Keys are ranked in the Masculine Gender; therefore, Dame Gamut calls them her sonte

By this, is under food the Fife and Drum, and other martial instruments of music.

I The flat Keys (by way of contrast to the Sharp) are ranked in the Feminine Gender. N. B. These Genders admit no neuter.

I had almost forgot to inform you, that some of my sons are wholly employed in making pills, to purge melancholly; and as I have no desire to keep this salutary preparation a secret, I here present you with the receipt, verbatim. "Take of Bass, Tenor, Counter, and desire to keep this salutary preparation a secret, I here present you with the receipt, verbatim. "Take of Bass, Tenor, Counter, and Treble, each an equal proportion; mix them in a Vehicle of Consonance, with as great a number of Vibrations, as will amount to: Coincidence. Let this be conveyed into the cars, through the medium of vociforation and articulation; and it will not fail of having the leftred off of the proved.

SOMETIMES, my Sons attempt to mourn, and my daughters to rejoice; but these attempts are fuch an open violation of their own natures, and are always attended with such hideous shricks and dolorous outeries, that, to prevent such absurdities for the sutures

Sometimes (as the subject matter of a flat key) I take up a Lamentation, that I have not been introduced into Africa ; for I Thave put them under the inspection of Ingenuity and Propriety. have been informed by historians; that " If the mental acquirements of the natives, were adequate to their mechanic powers, they would be able to do me much greater honor, and infinitely more justice, than any fet of people I have ever been conversant with heretofore." Although I am a folid body, yet I afford abundance of Air. + And I heartily wish, that justice would allow me to fay,

To confirm what I have before afferted, I think it expedient to inform you, that in my perigrination through the wilderness of this world, I became intimately acquinted with a certain species of something, vulgarly called Time; ‡ which (as Dr. Young elegantly ex-

presses it) " was cut from out eternity's wide round." And although we have each of us the same set of admirers, yet we never view each other as rivals, but affiftants; for we are continually lending new graces, and affording new beauties to each other; and sare do

<sup>\*</sup> By these remarks, the absurlity of adapting a sharp keyed tune, to a Psalm of Penitence and Prayer, and a stat keyed tune, and Pfalm of Praise and Thanksgiving, is strikingly set forth. Suppose a preacher, on a fast day morning, for his discourse, should speak from these words, viz. " Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise." And for the afternoon, "Gayour way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared; neither be ye sorry, for the journes the Lord is your firength." We will carry this Supposition yet farther, and Suppose, that in his great wisdom, he should on a thanksgining day morning, speak from these words, viz. "A day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness." And in the afternoon, "Let neither man nor beaft, herd nor flock taffe any thing; let them not feed nor drink water; but let man and beaft be covered with sack cloth." But says the impartial reader, "this is ridiculous, this would be intolerable; but is the simile just, is it not ear aggerated'? " I answer, it is juß, and wishout exaggeration."

<sup>+</sup> Note, that every piece of music is called an Air.

History informs us, that Dr. De Maris, a Frenchman, was the first that invented and ascertained the length of the notes; and their proportion from each other, viz. "That the Semibreve is twice as long as the Minim; the Minim twice as long as the Cratchet, Lies M. B. He lius d'about the year 1330.

closely connected, that our true votatics are free to declare, they know not where to give the preserence: For tune without time, is destitute of order; and time without tune, is destitute of harmony. Indeed there is at certain feasons, such uniformity and exactned in our movements, that many persons (who you may reasonably suppose, are not connoisseurs in this sublime art) have possitively as

-firmed, that time and seand were synonymous terms.

I am, this day, several hundered years old, and yet I find myself as strong as I was when Guido lest me; for my constitution is me ways impaired, nor my natural forces in the least abated. And if I may be allowed to judge of things suture by things past and present in Italy reasonably conclude, that I shall not be extinct; but continue without any great variation or change, till that grand period shill arrive, when my dear friend and ally shall be swallowed up in eternity. When my daughters shall be consigned over to perpetual wablintion, and my sons shall rise and shine as stars of the first magnitude. Then shall I be changed in a moment, in the rwinkling close an arrive, and my sons shall these temporary distinctions of Preceptor and Pupil, Performer and Suditor, be done away; for (as Milton expresses it) No one exempt, no voice but well would join melodious part; such concord is in Heaven."

I here shall be no jaring strings, no dissonant voices in this grand chorus; here are no double Bars to paye at, nor Notes of Silence in the strings.

threathe at ; but an infinity of vibrations, and an uninterrupted and eternal coincidence shall finally and fully take place. Here is have the prince and the porter are in unison with each other.

Mere are pleasures extatic, and joys never fading. "Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

There's no distinction here, join all your voices,

4 And raise your heads ye Saints, for Heaven rejoices."

. And again they said, Allelaia."

Alluding to Revelations, Chapter 6, " There shall be time no longer:"

As penitence and prayer, are not mentioned as the bufiness of Heaven; but are supposed to be swallowed up in praise and thanks giving to Dame Gammat may with propriety say, that " her daughters will be extinct, and her sons rise and shine, &c."

# A Musical Dictionary,

CONTAING

## An Explanation of the most useful Terms that are used in Music; in Alphabetical order.

ADAGIO. Very slow, the slowest move-

ment of time.

ACCENTOR: The leader, or chorifter, who is expected to pronounce distinctly.

ALLEGRO. Very quick, heing as quick again as-Adagio, i. c. two bars in Allegro, J. F. REVE. An ancient note twice the are performed in the same time, as one in [1] length of a Semibreve. Adagio.

Tender and afficilio-AFFECTUOSO:

nate.

some as Hellelujah, and is esteemed as much the best word in music.

MLTUS. The Counter.

ACUIE. When the notes are high and The last

CCENTS. The emphatical notes | ANONYMOUS. The Authors name | esteemed among us:

true tone.

ANTHEM. A diving song, generally in profe-

N. B. The moderns have droped this

note entirely.

BASS: The lowest, or foundational ALLELUIA. Praise we the Lord, the part; the most majustic part in music, generally set in the F cliff.

BINARY-TIME. Up and down, both!

equal.

BAR DOUBLE. An infignificant cha- | racter in church music; therefore bet little in keeping ime.

BAR-SINGLE Which divides the time". ASSATING: Trying if voices are in of the time into equal parts, and also directs. where to place the accents.

N. B. A most dignissed character of

very great utility.

BAR-EULL. When there is a susficient quantity of notes included in each Barnto answer the time of the tune, viz: if the time be Adagio, Largo, or Allegro, one-Semibreve, or the same quantity of less notes are required, to fill a bar; if the time is 3, three Minims fill a bar; if 3 them. three Crotchets, &c.

BAR-EMPTY. When the bar contains no notes of Sound, but notes of Silence!

BEAT. One motion of the hand, or foot

BEAT-NOTE. The note witch goest for a beat, vi. a Minim is ihe Beat-Note in Allegro, and 3, a crotchet is a Beat Note in 3, and 3, -8.6.

AROL. A fong, or hymn of joy, on a seast, or birth day.

CANON. A perpetual fuge. N. B. Canons are not esteemed with us To much as formerly, and I think not without good reason; for we can express all the beauty and variety of Canons, in fug- treble. ing music, and with this apparent advaning music, and with this apparent advan-tage, viz. that all the performers may sing [ ] A-CAPO. End with the sirst strain. to the trinity.

1 DUODECIMO. A twelveth, an Octhe part most suitable to their voices, which cannot be done in canons; for they partake of the beight of the counter, and the depth of the bass, and unless the performers have suitable voices sor every part, they cannot sing a capon with ease, or clegance; therefore I think the contrivance of canons is more curious than useful.

CONSONANCE. Sounds which are agleeable, much the same as Consonant.

CLIFF. The key to unlock, or open a peace of music, confisting of three, viz. F. G and G.

CHANT To fing.

The grangest power the lower. CHORO-GRANDO.

chorus. CLAVIS. Or cliff, or key. See cliff. CONCORD. An agrecable of musical

found.

CROTCHET. A note, half the length of a Minim, and twice the length of a Quaver.

CHOIR. A company of musicians. COUNTER. A part between tenor and

li is osien set in minuels, jigs, marches and for gs, at the end of a tune, and tave above Diapente, consequently a Conrefers the periormer back to the first itrain. cord.

N. B. Sometimes the word is wrote at

length, and sometimes only D. C.

DISCANT. The art of composition. cant, is when the tals and tehor pass by each other, so that the bass becomes highest and the tenor lowest. In such compositi- sect Concord to the Unison. ons the bais and tenor exchange characters for the time being.

N. B. Particular care should be taken on l such notes to sound the bass soft, and tenor | DIVOTO. In a devout manner

CHORUS. All parts moving together.; full; otherwise the upper part will over-

DISCORD. A disagreeable sound, DISONANCE. A disagreeing noise. DISONANT. The same as discord.

DICTIONARY. A magazine of words, together with the explanation.

DIAPENTE. Afisih, a sweet consord.

DOMINANT. TONES. Such as the key note, the greater third, greater fixth, &ce.

DIVISION. Arunning, or singing a chain of quick Notes.

DOXOLOGY. Glory to God, or a forg

DECIMO. A tenth, a grand Concord, an Ottave above the third, or Trio.

DEMI: [la music] is the half of a half. DISCANT-DOUBLE. Or double-dis- | i. e. a Demisemiquaver is the fourth of a Quaver, and the half of a Semiquaver.

DIAPASON. An eighth, the next per-

DISDIAPASON. A fifteenth, a Concord. anOctave above Diapason, and two Ostaves above Unifen.

DOUBLES. All Notes that descend below Gamut, viz. the lower line in the Bals, are cailed deubles, as double F, double E. double D, double C, double B, double A, doubleG; and all below doubleG, are called double double; as double double F, &c.

N.B. But sew voices reach below double! C, except it is done by blowing.

TIMPHATICAL NOTES. Are where the accent is placed.

EMPHASIS The same as accent. ELEGY. A funeral hymn, or forg. ENCORE. Sing it again, the same as

repeat.

ERRATA. Errors in the publication,

or printing.

ETYMOLOGY. The first derivation from whence a word, or sound is taken. EXPLORE. To find out by study.

CLIFF. In the Bass, fixed on the upper line but one.

N. B. It is one whole tone below the

G Cliff in the Tenor.

FOURTH, A Discord. FORTE. Loud, and full. FORTISSIMO. Very loud. each other, aitho' not always the same sound.

N. B. Music is said to be Fuging, when one part comes in after another; its beauties cannot be numbered, it is sufficient to say, that it is universally pleasing.

FLAT. A character used to sink a Note half a tone lower, and to regulate the Mi,

in transposition.

FIFTH. See Diapente.

AMUT. The Arctinian Scale of I Music; also the name of the lower line in the Bass.

GRAVASONUS. Very grave and solid. GUIDO ARETINUS. The inventor, or at least the improver of the present Scale of Music.

GLOSSARY. Much the same as Dictionary.

GRAVE. Slow in Time, or in Vibration

N. B. Grave and Acute are opposite to each other.

G. Cliff. For the Treble and Tenor. fixed on the lower line but one.

N. B. G. in the Treble, is an Octave above G in the Tenor.

FUGE. Or Fuging, Notes stying after T ARMONY. The agreement that I resuits from practical Music.

HARP. A stringed Instrument.

HARPSICORD. Awire Instrument, with Keys like an Organ.

HEXACHORD. A sixth, an impersect

Concord.

HAR MONIC. See Harmony. HALLELUJAH. See Alleluia.

HOSANNA. By some Authors, it is "save" we befeech thee," and according to others, the same as Hallelujah.

N. P. I use it for Hallesujab.

MiTATION. Is when one part imitates, or mimicks another.

N. B. This is frequently done in Fuging

INHARMONICAL. Sounds disagreeable. INTONATION. The art of rightly pitching a Tune; see Pitch pipe.

JARGON. The weist of sounds; see:

Difcord.

FT EY. The Dominant, or principle Note. or tone on which the Tune is sounded. KEY. Natural, or natural Key, viz. A, and C. KEY. Attifical, or artifical Key, is when B-Mi, is transposed by Flats, or Sharps: "

ONG. A zote containing two Breves; f. now out of use.

LARGE. A Note containing two

Longs; now out of uic.

LEDGER LINES. Lines which run

above, or below the five lines.

N. B. All Motes that run more than an Octave above the G Cliff, in the Treble, me seid to be in Alt.

LARGO. A middle movment of Time,

between Ajagio, and Allegro.

N. B. According to the Pendulums, you must perform Ave Bars in Largo, to sour in

Adagio. "LANGUISSIANT. In a languishing

manner.,

LUTE. A Aringed Instrument:

TEASURE NOTE. A note contain-ing a whole Bar of Time. In Adagio; Largosand Allegro, a Semibreve is the Measure Note; because it fills a Bar of itself, and in 3, a Minim is the measure Note, for the same reason.

MININI. A Note as long as swo Crotchets, and half as long as a Semibreve.

The greater. MAJOR.

MINOR. The lefs.

MEDIUS. The Treble lung an Offave

below itself, with a Tenor Voice. MUSICO THEORICO. A Composer,

Master, or teacher of Music.

MAESTUSO: With Majesty & Grandeur.

ONA. A ninth, an Offave above Secundo, confequently a Discord. NOTA-BENE. Or N. B. mark well.

CTAVE. An eighthr of 12 Semitones; Jee Diapaion.

OSCILLATION. A Vibrating. or

swizging.

ORGAN. The grandest of all Musical Instruments.

ITCH-PIPE. An Instrument to give tunes a proper pitch, confisting of, lit the Chest, or hollow Fube; 2d the Rigister, or Slider, on which the letters are marked; which being pulted in, or down out of the Chest, untill you get to the letter; then by biowing gently, you obtain the true found. MOOD. The mark or measure of Time, I Observe not to blow too hard for that will

geause a salle sound; nor too weak, for that will emit no sound at all.

N. B. Most of the Pitch-pipes in the country are fer too high, they should be regulated by an Organ.

PIANO: Soft, like an Eccho.

PRESTO: Quick. A lover of Music PHILO-MUSICO:

JUANTA. Four parts in Score. QUAVER. A Note containing two Scariquavers, and half as long as a Crotcher

FORWards and RETRO: Forwards and backwards.

REPEAT. A certain part to be per formed ever again.

REPLICA: See Repeasi

CIEMI. The half. SEMIQUAVER. A Note containin two Demisemiquavers, and half as long a a Quaver.

SCORE. All parts standing Bar again

Bar, according to the nicest rules.

N. B. Music out of Score, is seid to une without sime.

EEMITONIC. The Octave divided into !

Ewelve Semitones.

SYNCOPEE. Notes that are longer, being placed between two that are shorter, viz. when a Note, which is a whole Best, is placed between two Notes, which are but half Beats, so the long note must be divided into two parts, in beating time.

N. B. This cannot be so well expressed

in Theory as in Practice.

SYNCOPATION. Is when the found of she lass Note in one Bar, is carried over into the next Bar, and tyed by a Slur.

SMARP. A mark of extension, to raise a Note half a tone higher, it is also used to

regulate the Mi in transposition.

SOLO, or Solus. Either part alone.

SERANADE. Might-music played, or

fung at the door, or window.

N. B. This fort of nocturnal Music is not so much in vogue with us Americans, as it is in Europe, where the young gallants ther lex, confind to the G cliff. frequently entertain their mistre les in amorous ditties.

SEPTIMA. A seventh, a Discord. SECUNDO. A second, a Discord.

SYMPHONY. An air, which is played, or fang without words, before the fong begins, and sometimes such airs are in the middle of a peice, and at the end.

STAFF. The five lines on which the tune:

is fet.

and ACET or Tacetness. Be slent, and by threes. beat your empty Bars.

TARANTULA. A spider in Italy,

whose bite is cured only by Muse." TRINARY MEASURE. Triple time.

TE DEUM. A song of praise and thanksgiving after a great deliverance, or victory.

TRANSPOSITION. A removing from

one Key, or letter to another.

TREBLE. The third Octave shove the Bass, adapted to seminine voices, in ci-

N. B. The G Cliss in the Treble, is an Offave above the G Cliff in the Tenor.

TENOR. The second part above the

Bals, the leading part in the church.

N.B. The Moderns confine it chiefly to the G-Cliff, and consider it an Octave below the Treble.

TRIG. A third, a Concord.

TRIPLA TIME. Moving and measured TUIT. All voices together.

TINISON. One and the fame found.

TOLUNTARY. An Air which is. played on an Organ, it is performed in Church before service begins, to soothe the minds and calm the passions of the Audience, for the sit wo: ship of God.

VIVACE. Quick and lively.

VIBRATION. A shaking, or tremblings VIGOROSO. With life and vigous.

# To the GODDESS of DISCORD.

DREAD SOVEREIGN,

HAVE, been fagacious enough of late, to discover that some evil minded persons have infinuated to your highness, that I am use that I was my talents, was wholly taken up in paying my divoto terly unmindful of your Ladyship's importance; and that my time, as well as my talents, was wholly taken up in paying my divoto to your most implacable enemy and strenuous opposer, viz. the Goddess of Concord; which representation is as false as it is ill-natured; for your Ladyship may believe me without hesitation, when I assure you on the word of an honest man, that knowing your Ladyship to be of a very captious disposition, I have always been very careful of tresspassing on your grounds for sear of incuring

your displeasure, so far as to excite you to take vengeance (which is well known to be your darling attribute.)

I have likewise been informed, that some of my most implacable enemies are some of your M. jesty's privy-council; and that your Majesty's Secretary at war, wiz. Lord Jargon, was about to send some of your other Lords in waiting, viz. Lord second, Lord 7th, Lord 9th, alias Lord 2d, junior, with some others, to beat a tattoo upon the drum of my ear, with so great a number of contra vibrations, without the intervention of a fingle coincidence, and with so much Forte as to differate my auditory; upon which information I called a court of Harmony, the result of which was, to sepel force by force; and we had even proceeded so far as to order Lord Consopance, our Secretary at peace, to furnish our life guard with an infinite number of coincidences, without the intervention of one contravibration; and although we have the majority on our fide, yet we held it in scorn to take any advantage from our numbers, therefore we had selected an equal number of those who had attained unto the siest three, viz. Lord Unison, Lord Dispente, Lord Octave, alias Lord Unison, jun'r, and for their Aid-de camps, we had chosen two twin brothers, viz. Major and Minor Trio, together with Major Sixth; &c. We had proceeded thus far, when in turning over a very antient history, I met with the following passage, viz. "by wise council thou shalt make thy war, and in multitude of councellers there is safety." Upon reading this passage I was resolved to enlarge the council, therefore we made choice of king Solomon, the for of David (but as he not his father was never known to traverse your territories I suppose you have no knowledge of them). The result of our second council was so lay aside this enterprize and proceed in a ve-

my different manner; for by consulting this great councellor, we were convinced " that wisdom is better than weapons of war." Therefore it was resolved, that I fingly should begin the attack in the common form of dedications, and befiege you with flattery, & if that should fail as we have brib'd over a number of your nobility, we are determined to turn their force against you, and then we assure our discipate on your patience in this ambiguous preamble: know then dread Sovereign, that I have composed

work, and without vanity. I believe you will readily grant that it is

expect this one piece will fully compensate for my former delinquency and remissions ward; and that you will not be so unreasonable as to infift on another oblation from me, neither through time nor eternity; and let me tell you, that in this offering I followed the example of our native indians, who facrifice to the angry God, much oftner than to the good-natured one; not from a principle of love, but of fear; for although you could never excite my love, you have frequently caufed me to fear and tremble; and I demniy declare, that I dread your extempore speeches more than I do the threats and menaces of all the crowned heads in Europe's and now madam, after this candid and honest contession, I must insist on your figning the following receipt, which for your honor and my security, I shall always carry about me.

PECEIVED of the Author, a piece of Fargon, to being the best piece ever composed, in full of all accounts from the beginning of I'd sime, to and through the endless ages of eternity. I say received by me, GIVEN from our inharmonical Cavern, in the land of Chaos; from the year of our existence, (which began at Adam's fall) Five HAMAN HORROR, Secretary. Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Triva. ATTEST.

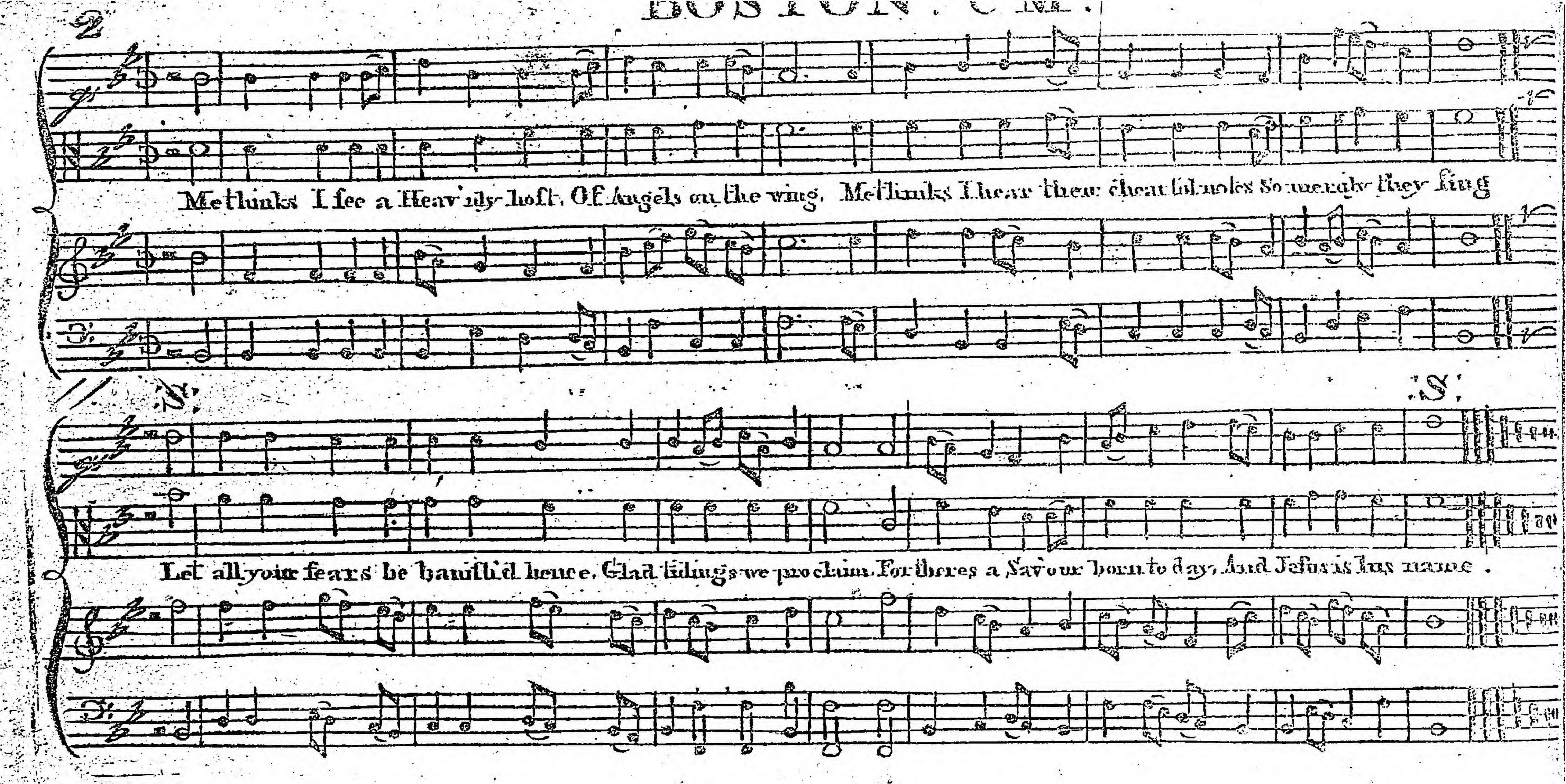
And now Madam Croffgrain, after informing you that this receipt shall be my discharge, I shall be so condescending as to acquaint your uglyship, that I take great pleasure in subscribing myself your most inveterate, most implacable, most irreconcilable enemy,

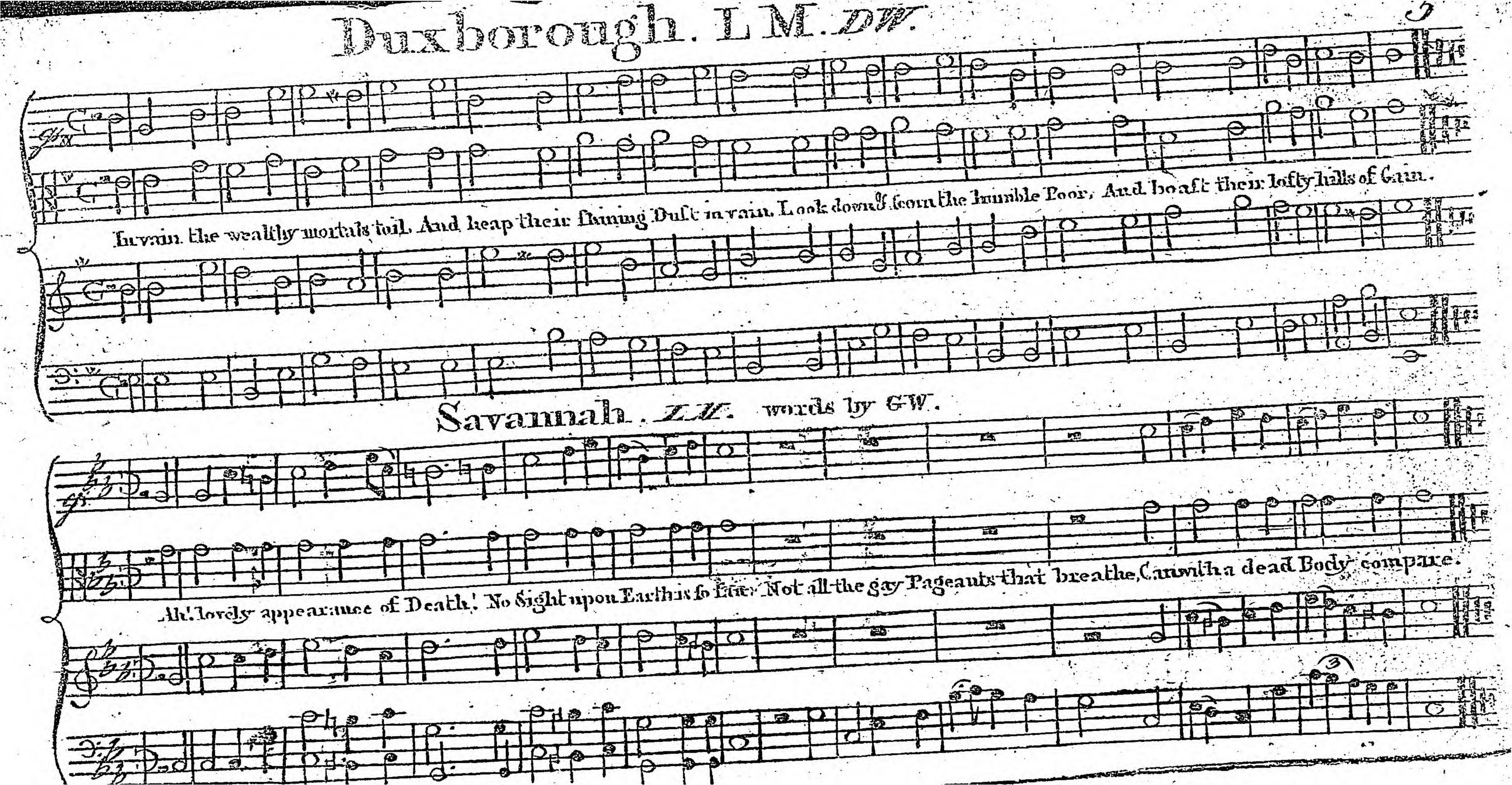
In order to do this piece ample justice, the concert must be made of vocal and instrumental music. Let it be performed in the followed lowing manner, viz. Let an Afr bray the bafs, let the filcing of a faw carry the Tenor, let a hog who is extream hungry fqueel the counter, and let a cart-wheel, which is heavy loaded, and that has been long without greate, squeek the treble; and if the concert sipuld appear to be too feeble you may add the cracking of a crow, the howling of a dog, the squilling of a cat; and what would grace the concert yet more, would be the rubbing of a wet finger upon a window glass. This last mentioned instrument no sooner falutes the drum of the ear, but it instantly conveys the sensation to the teeth; and if all their in conjunction should not reach the cause, you may add this most inharmonical of all founds, so Pay me that thou owest."

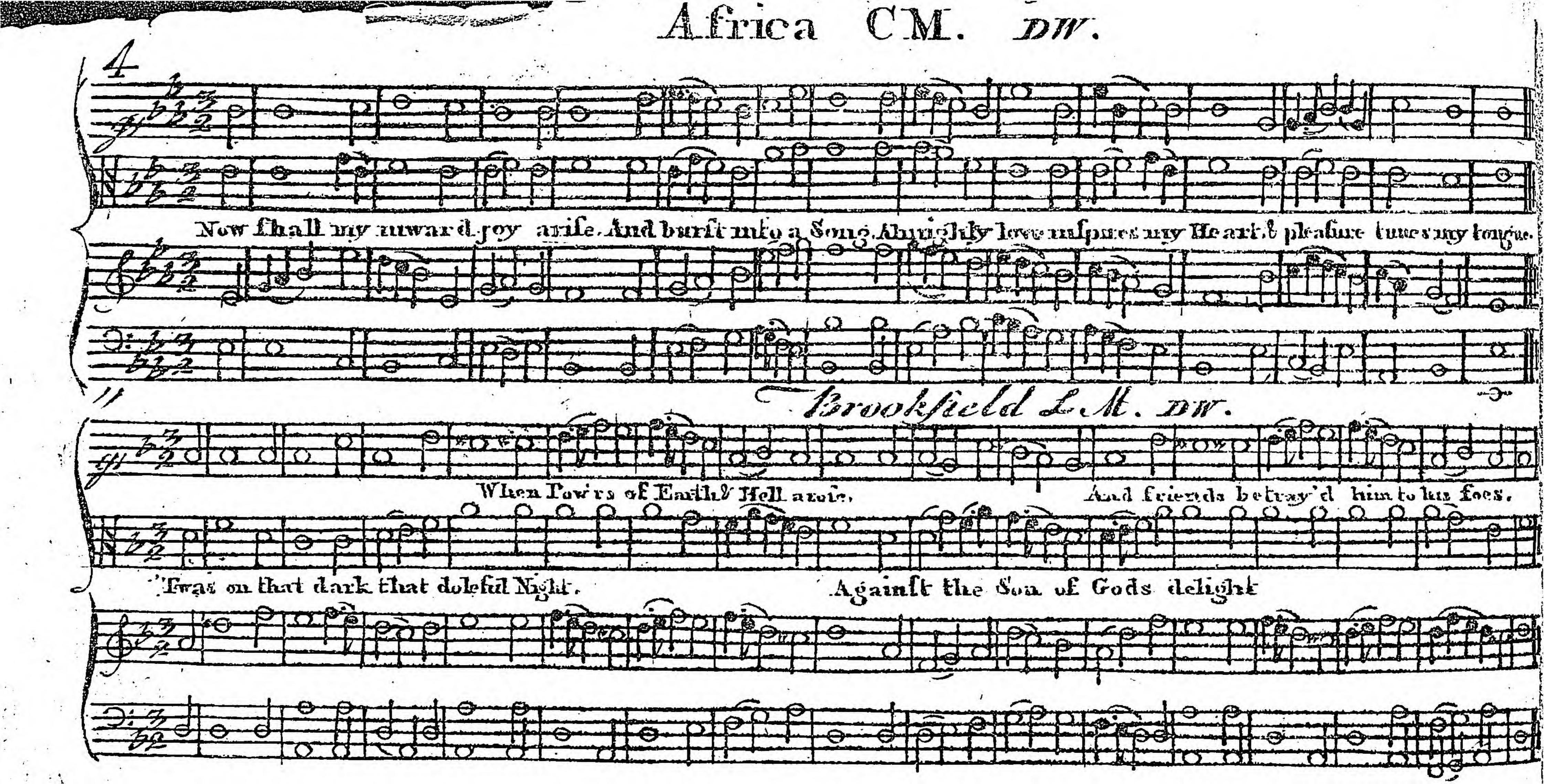
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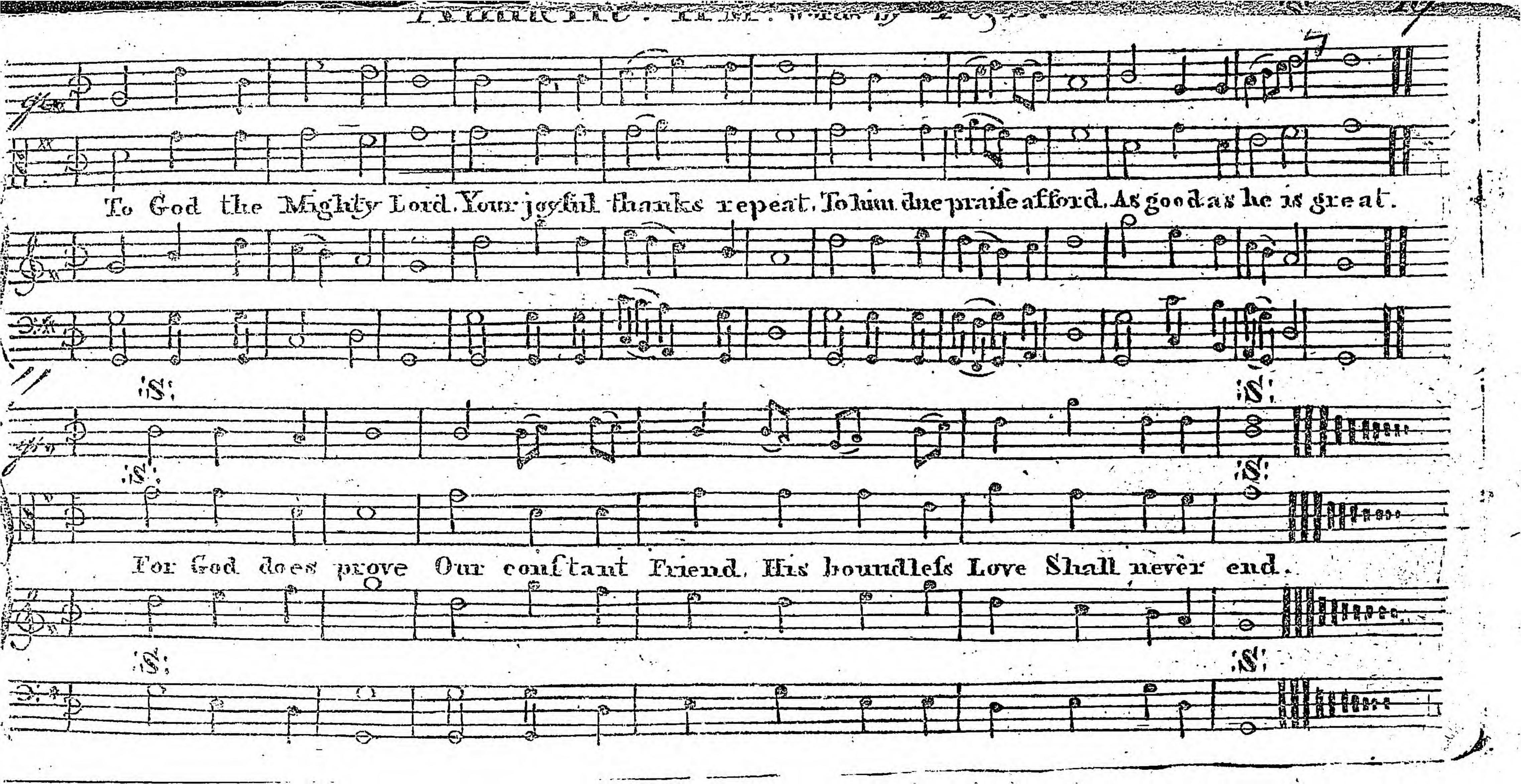


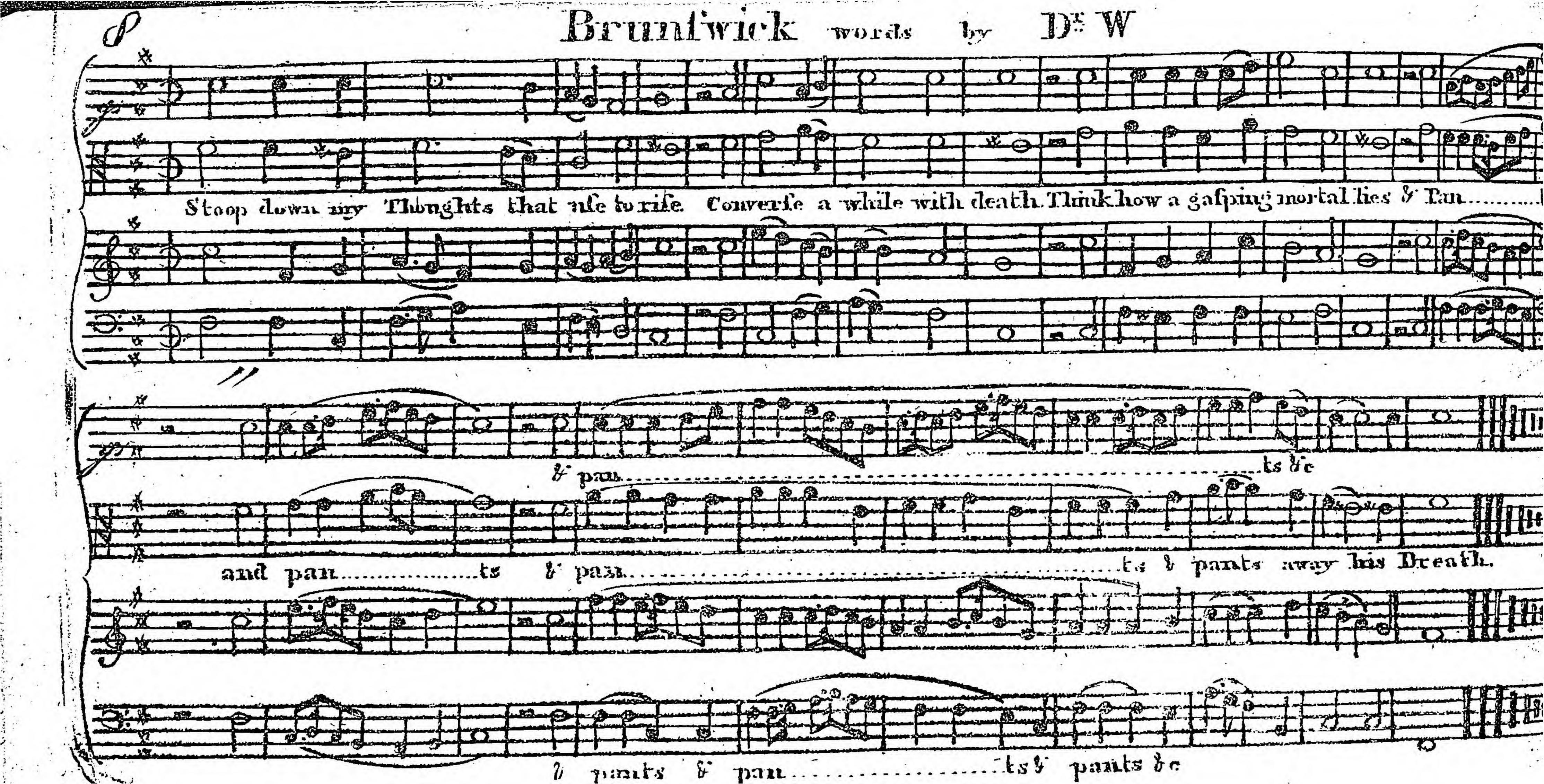






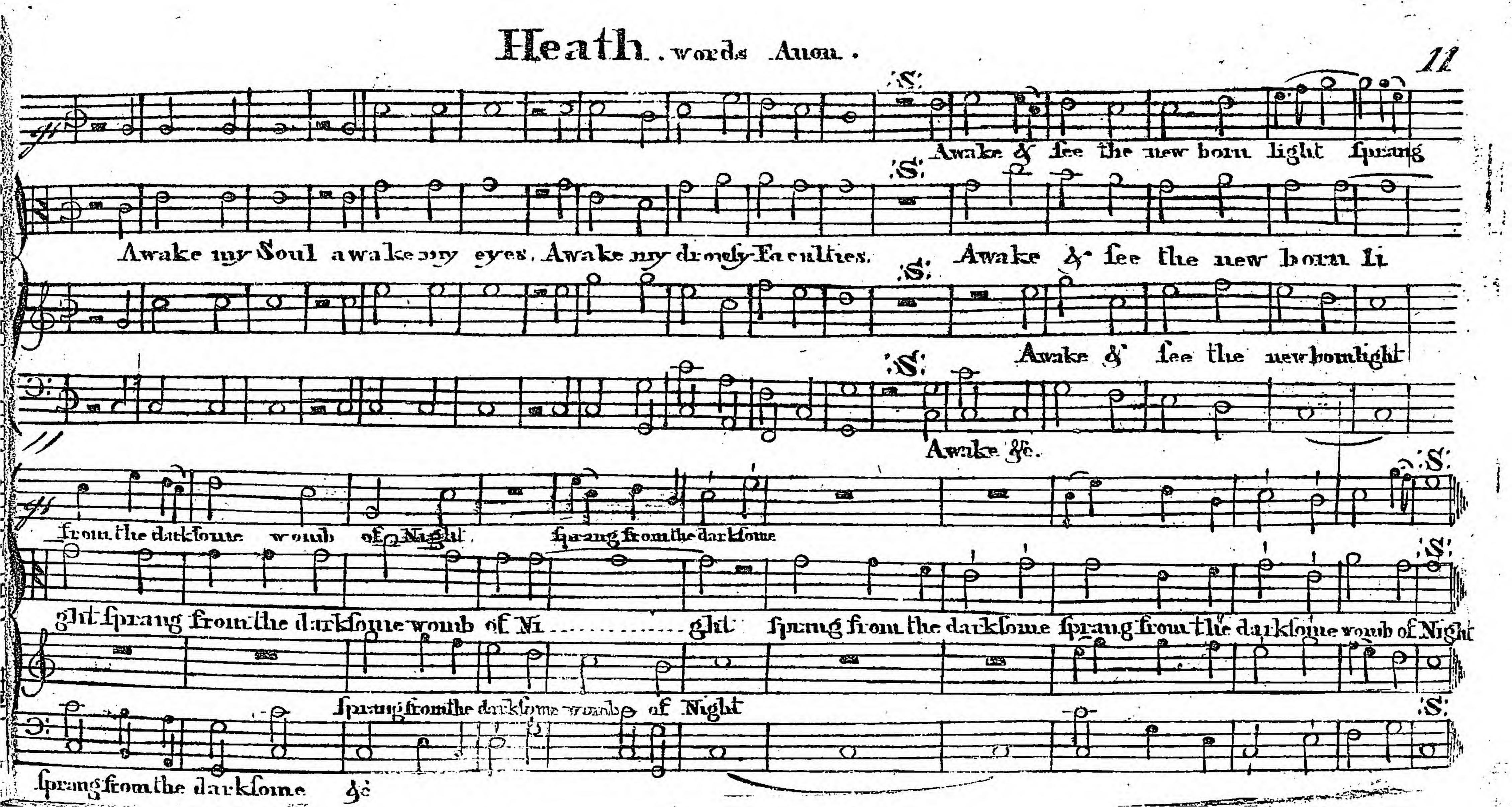


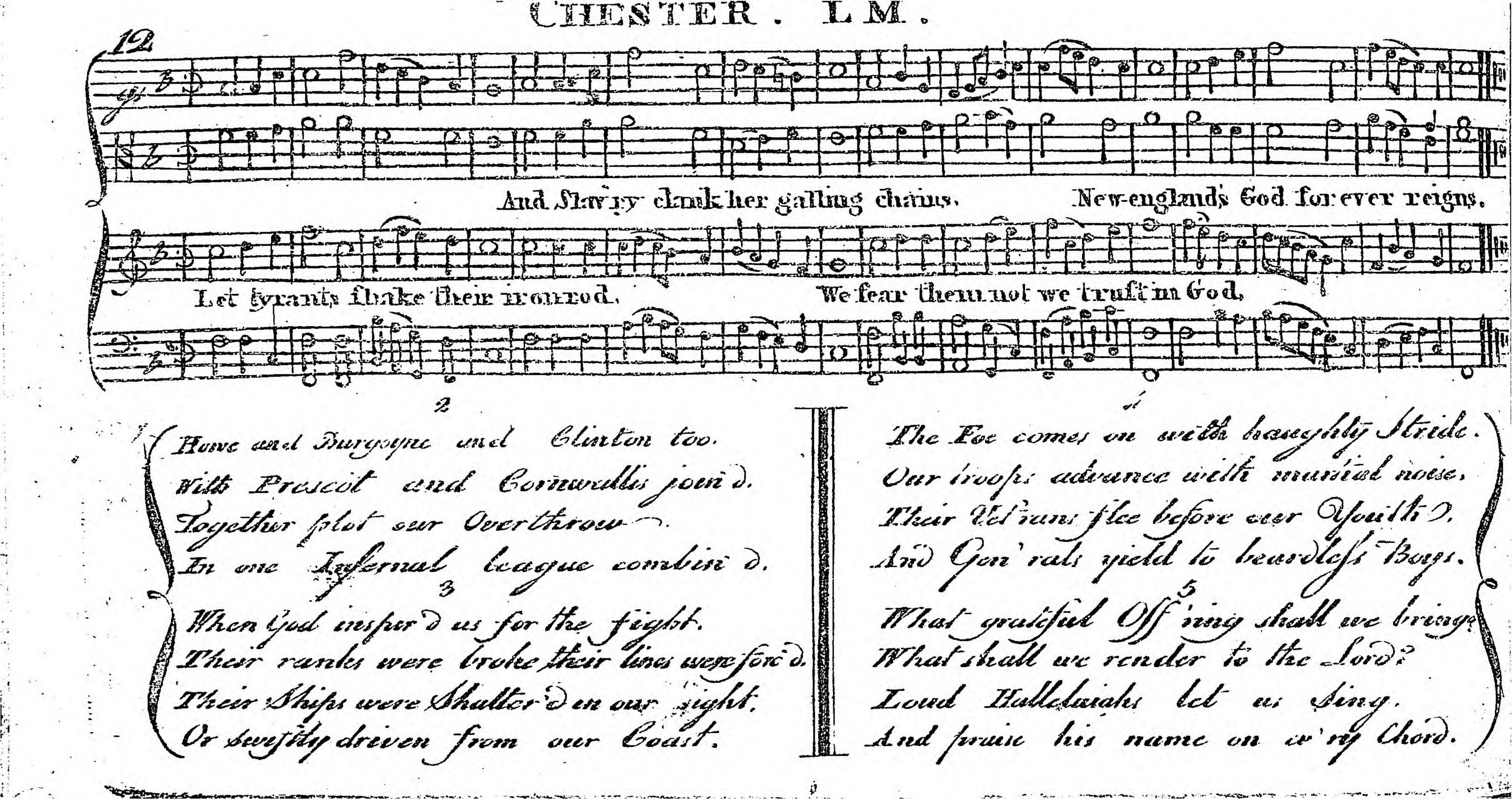


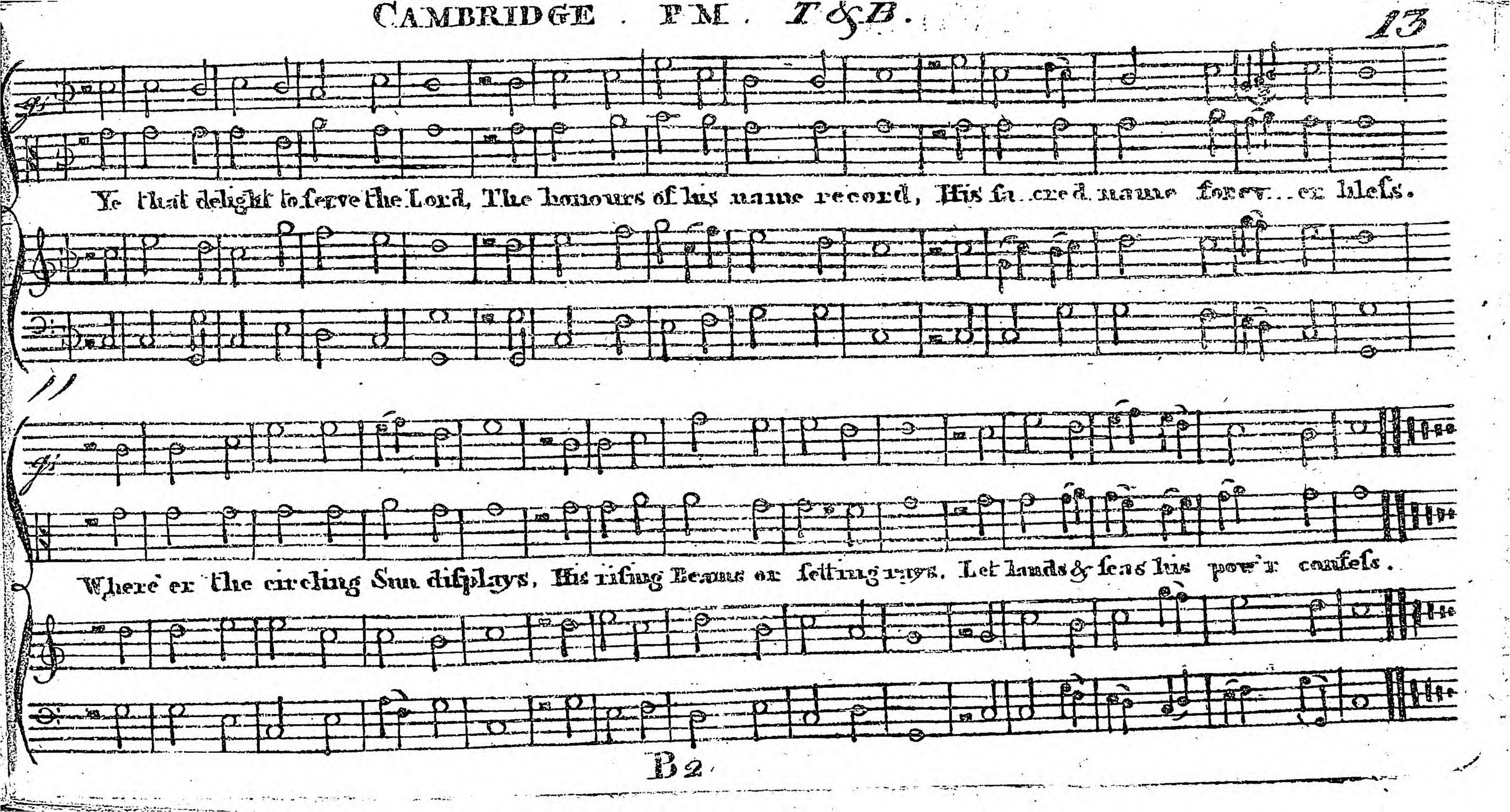




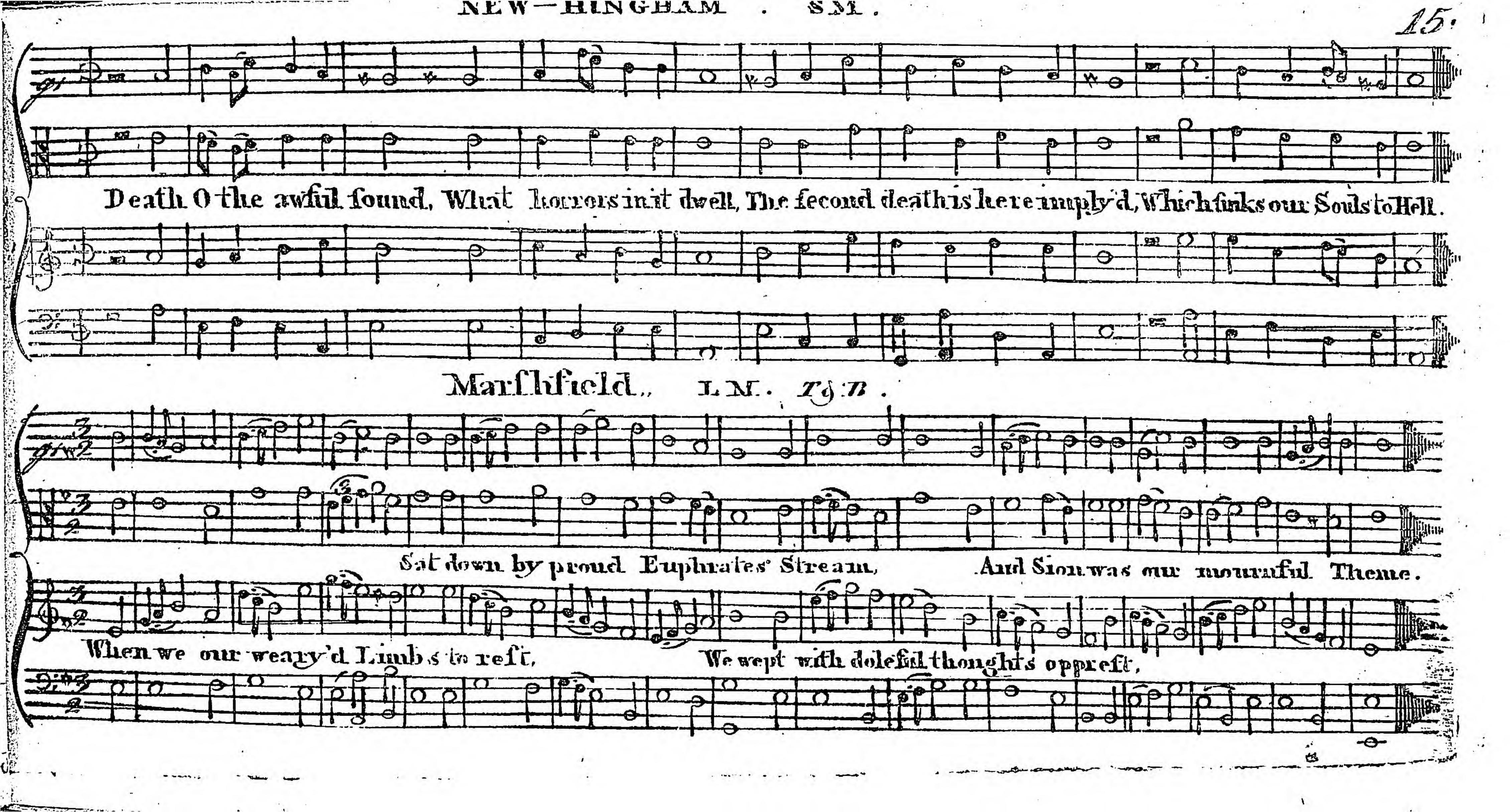


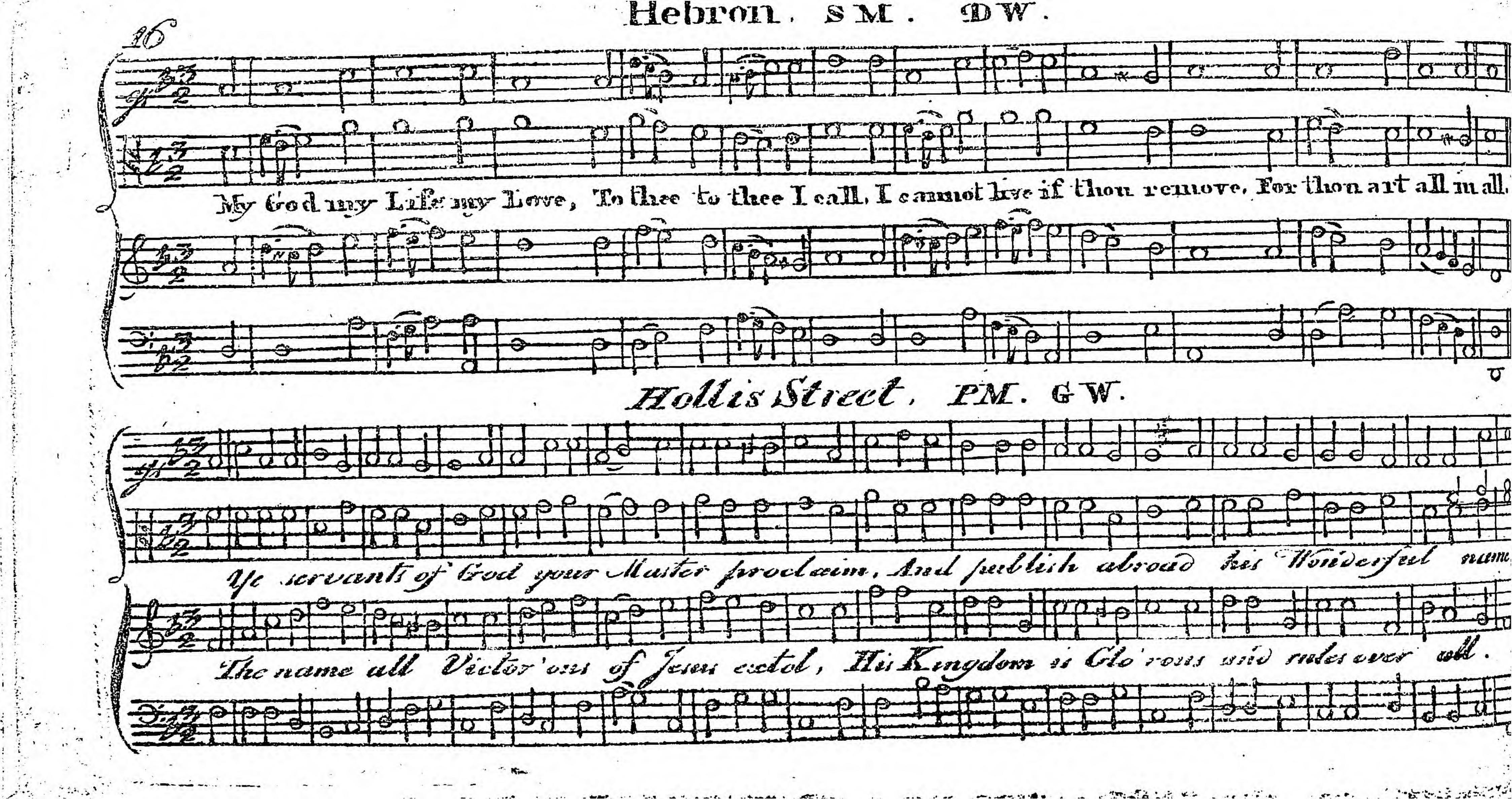






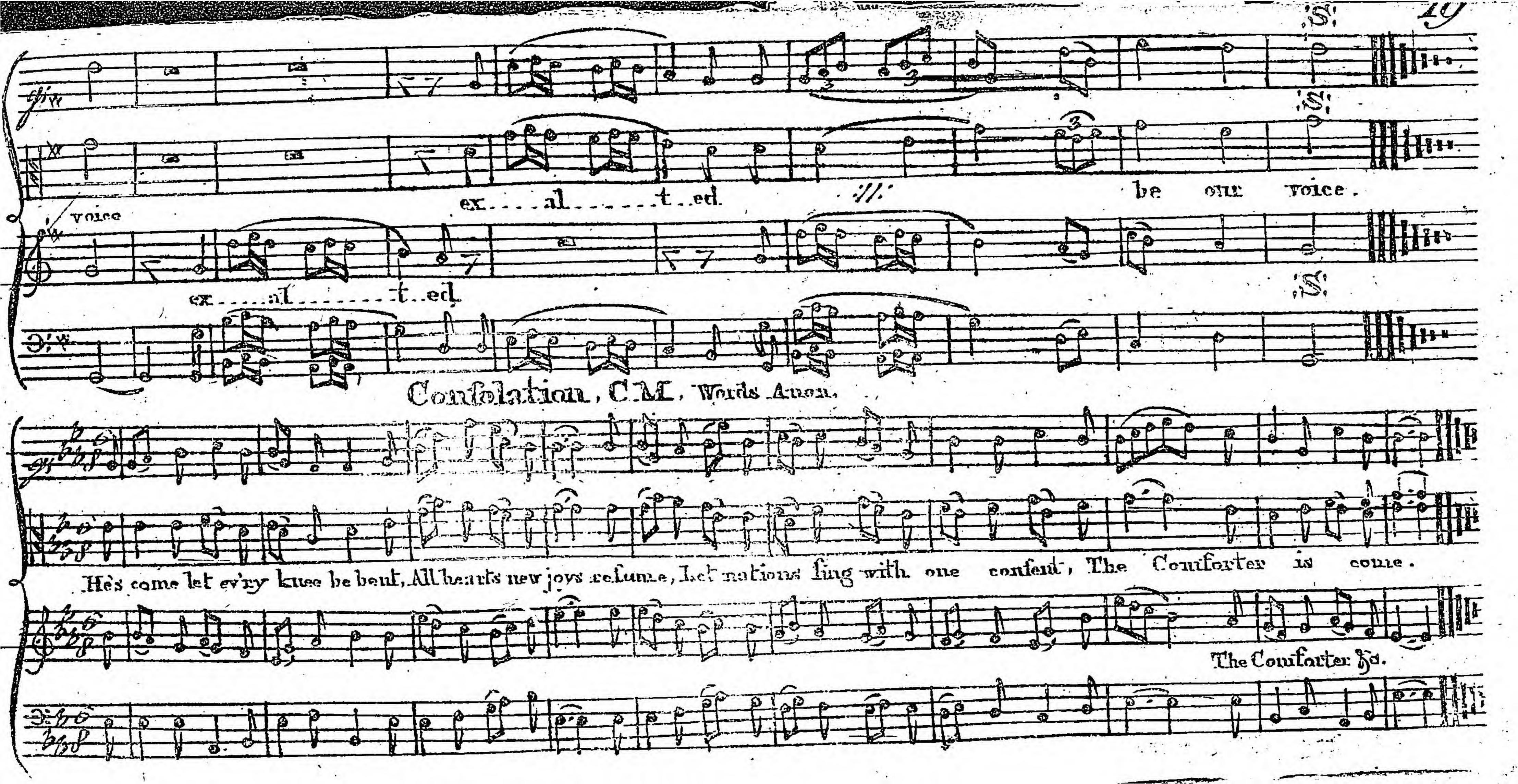


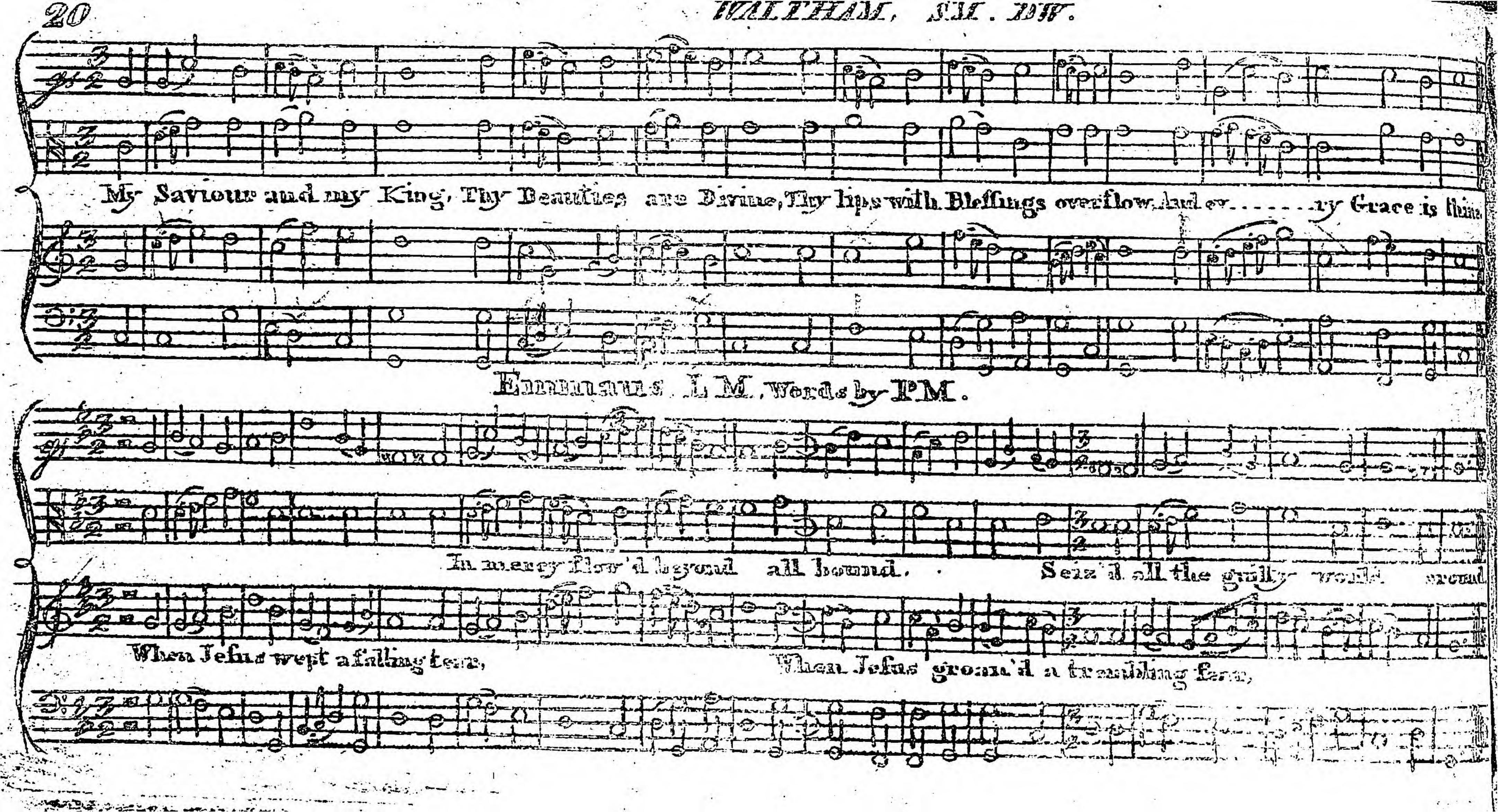


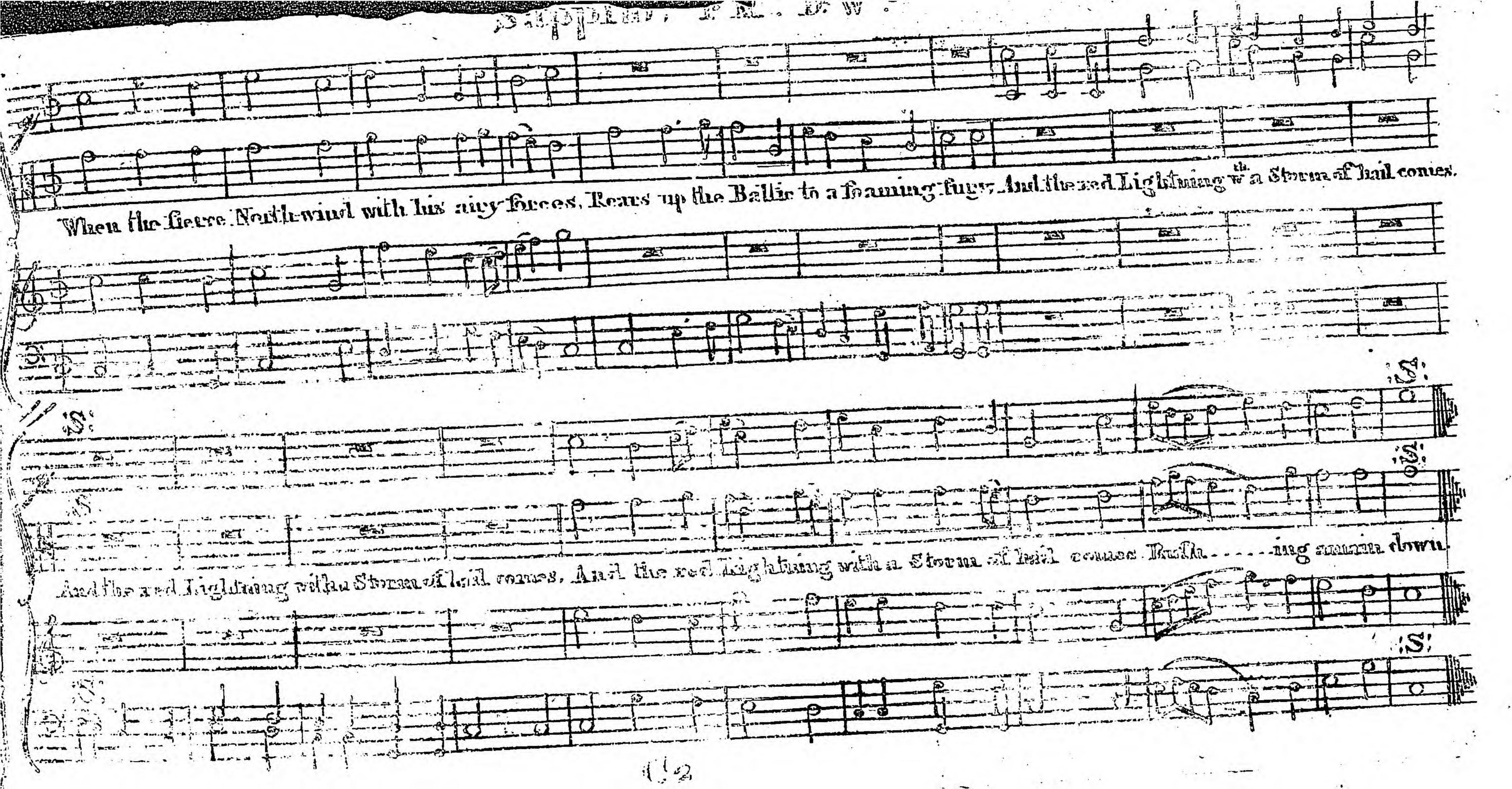


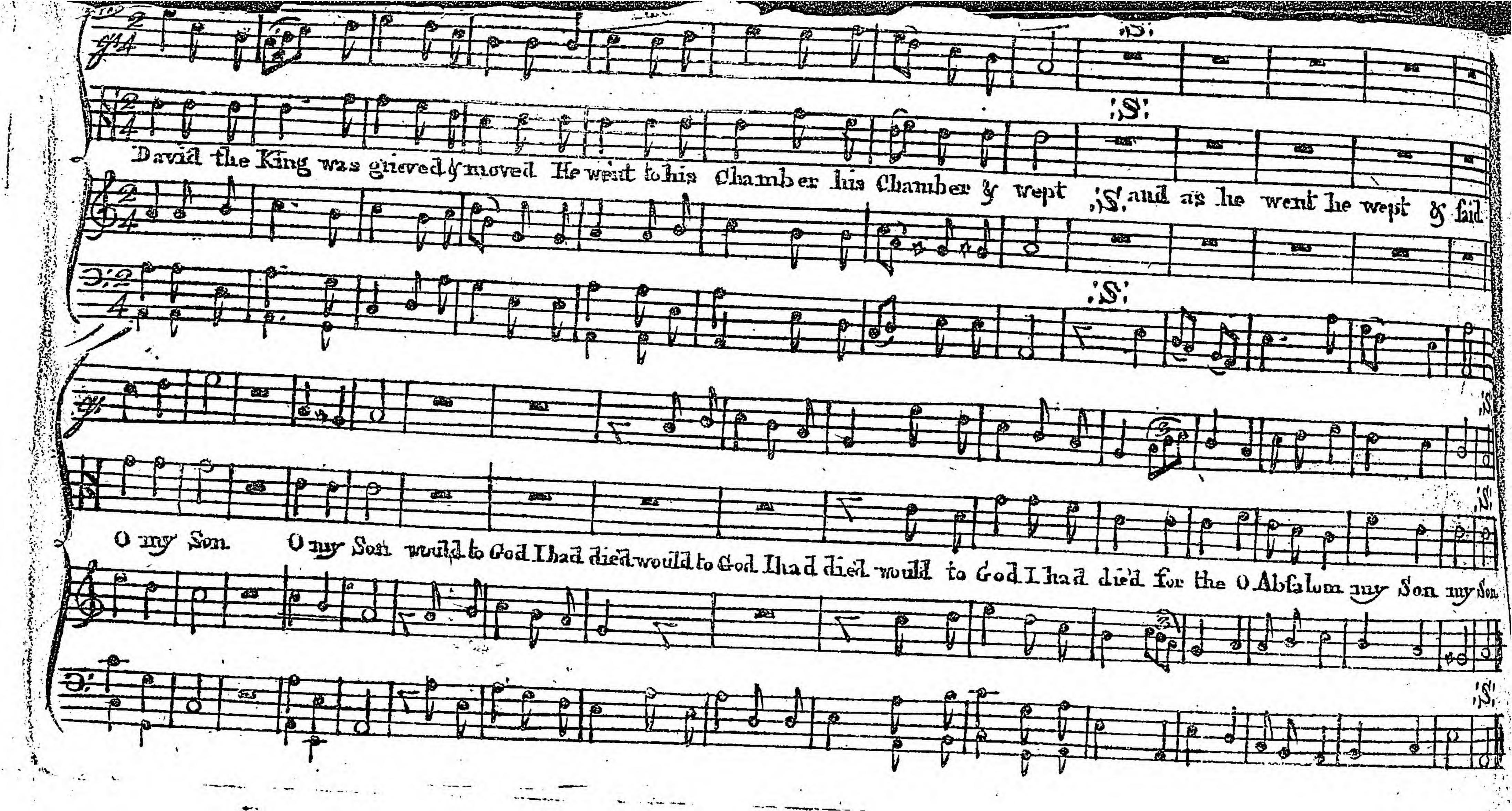


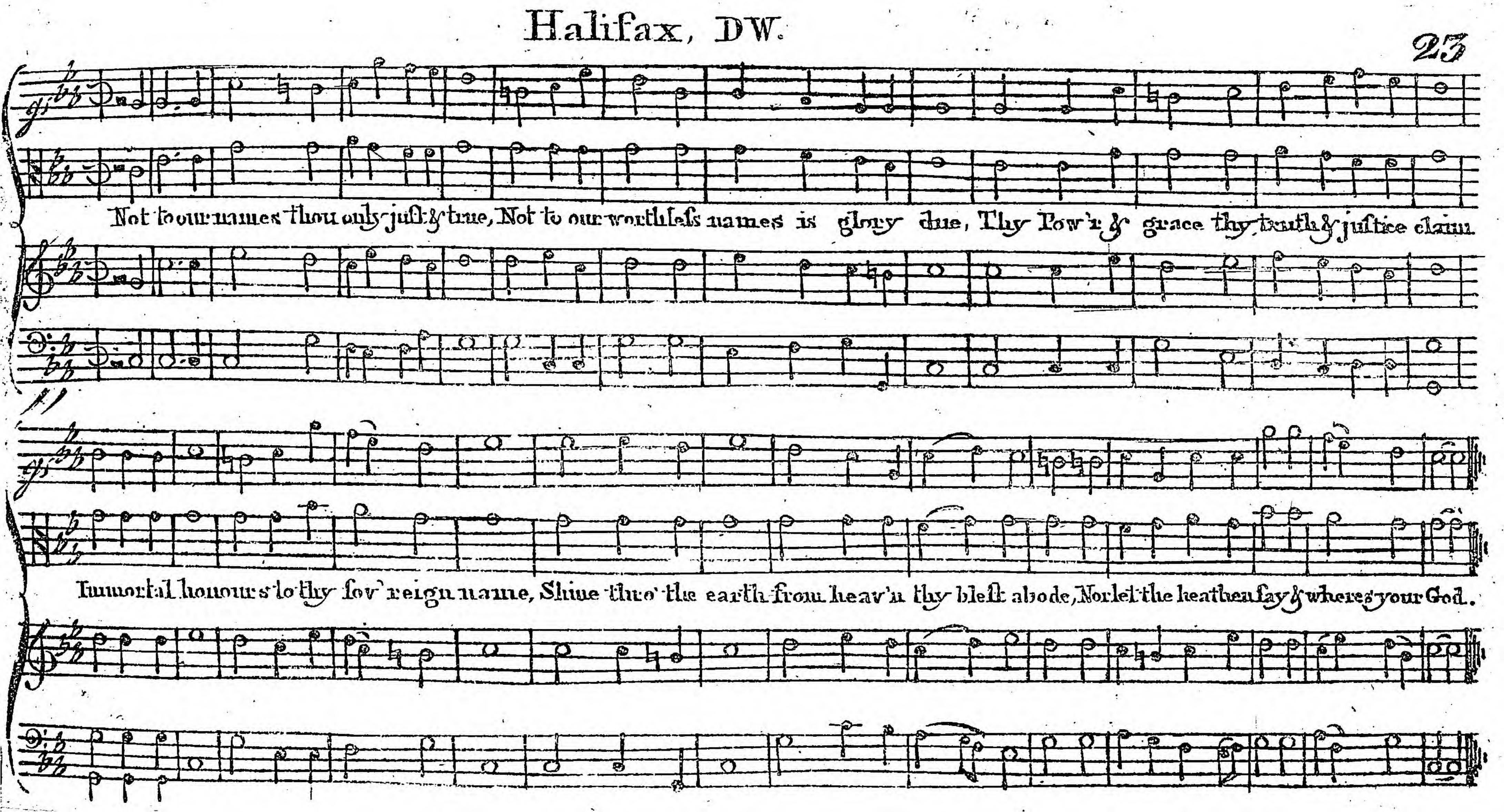


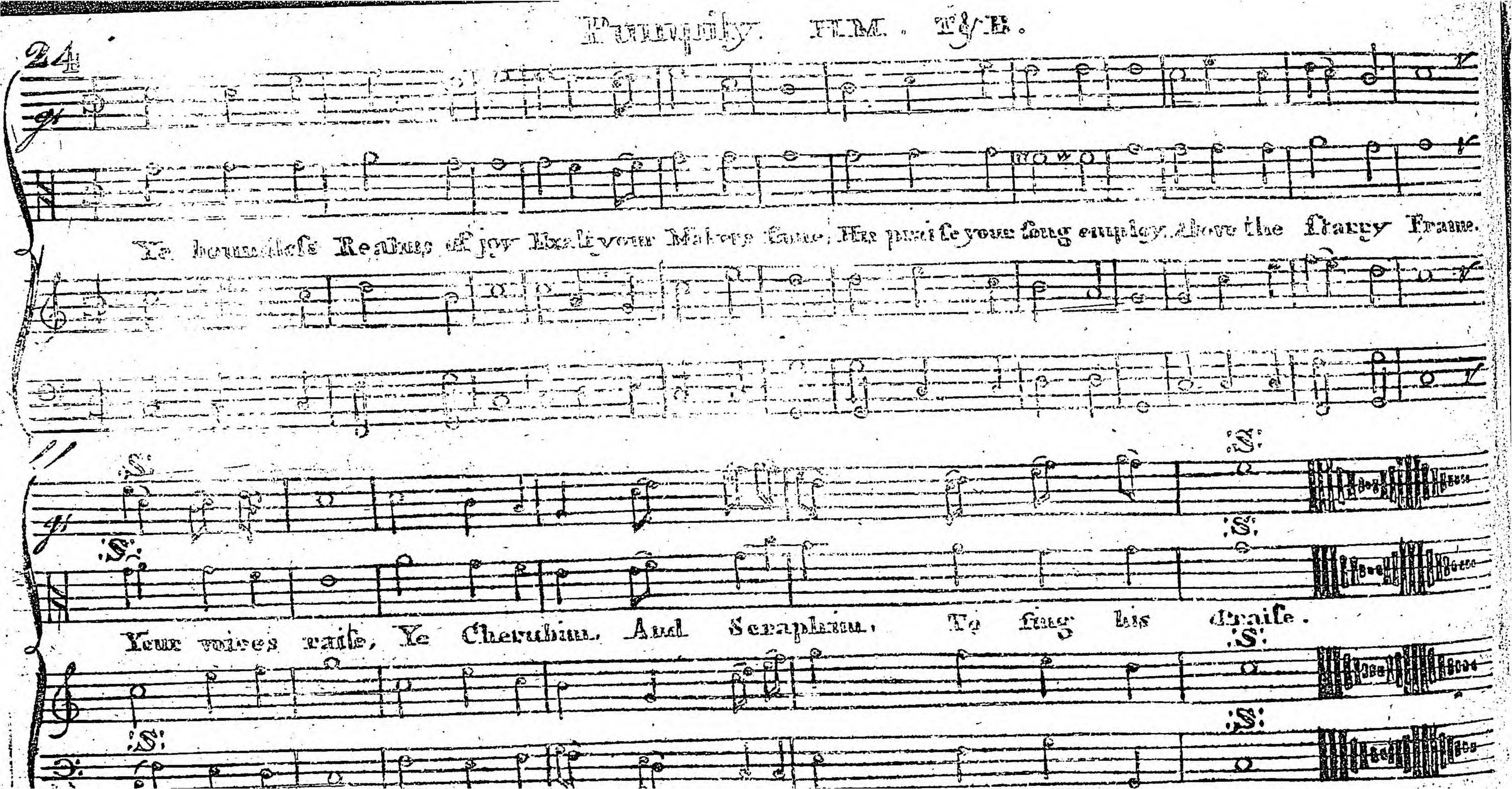








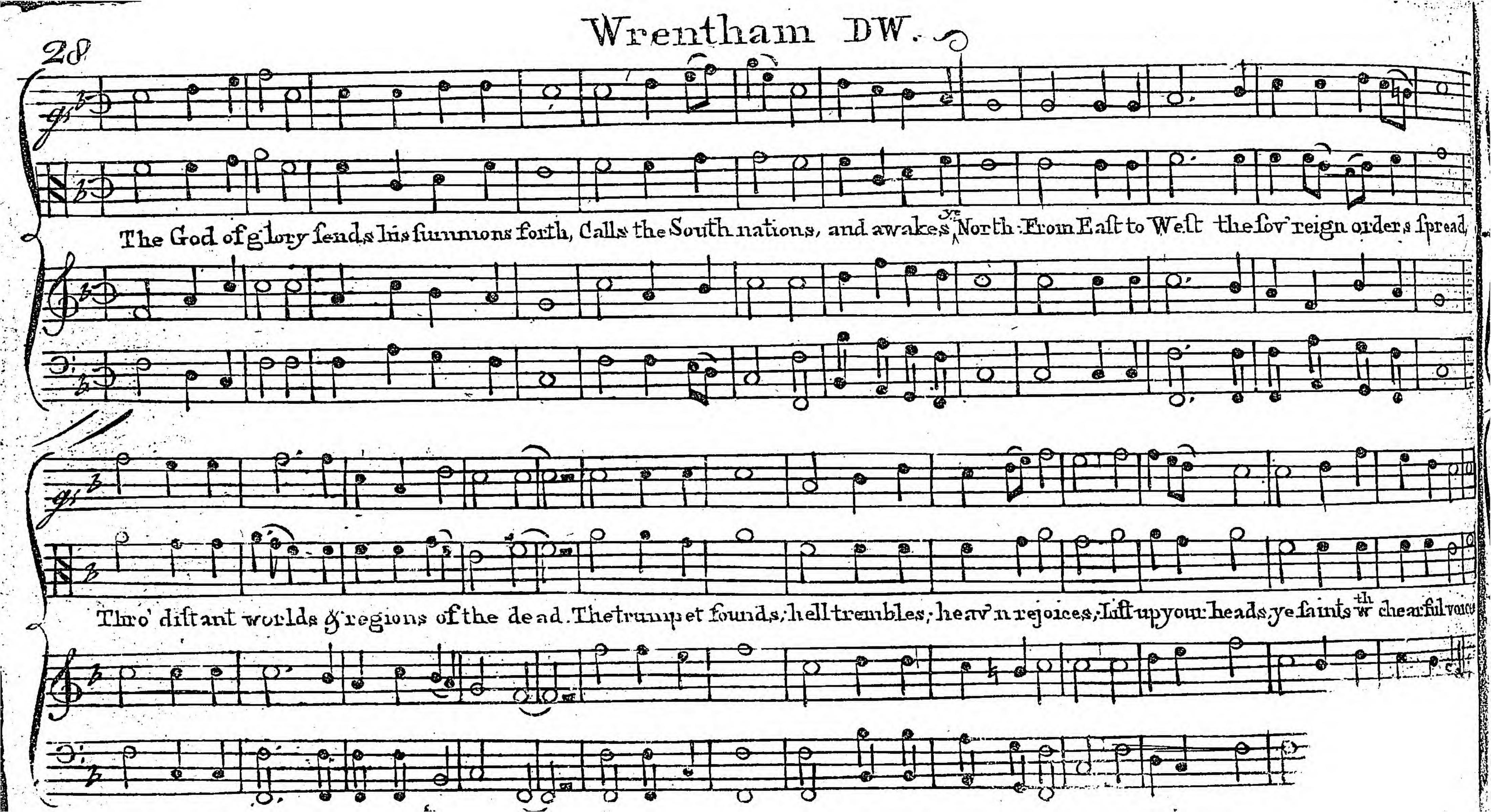










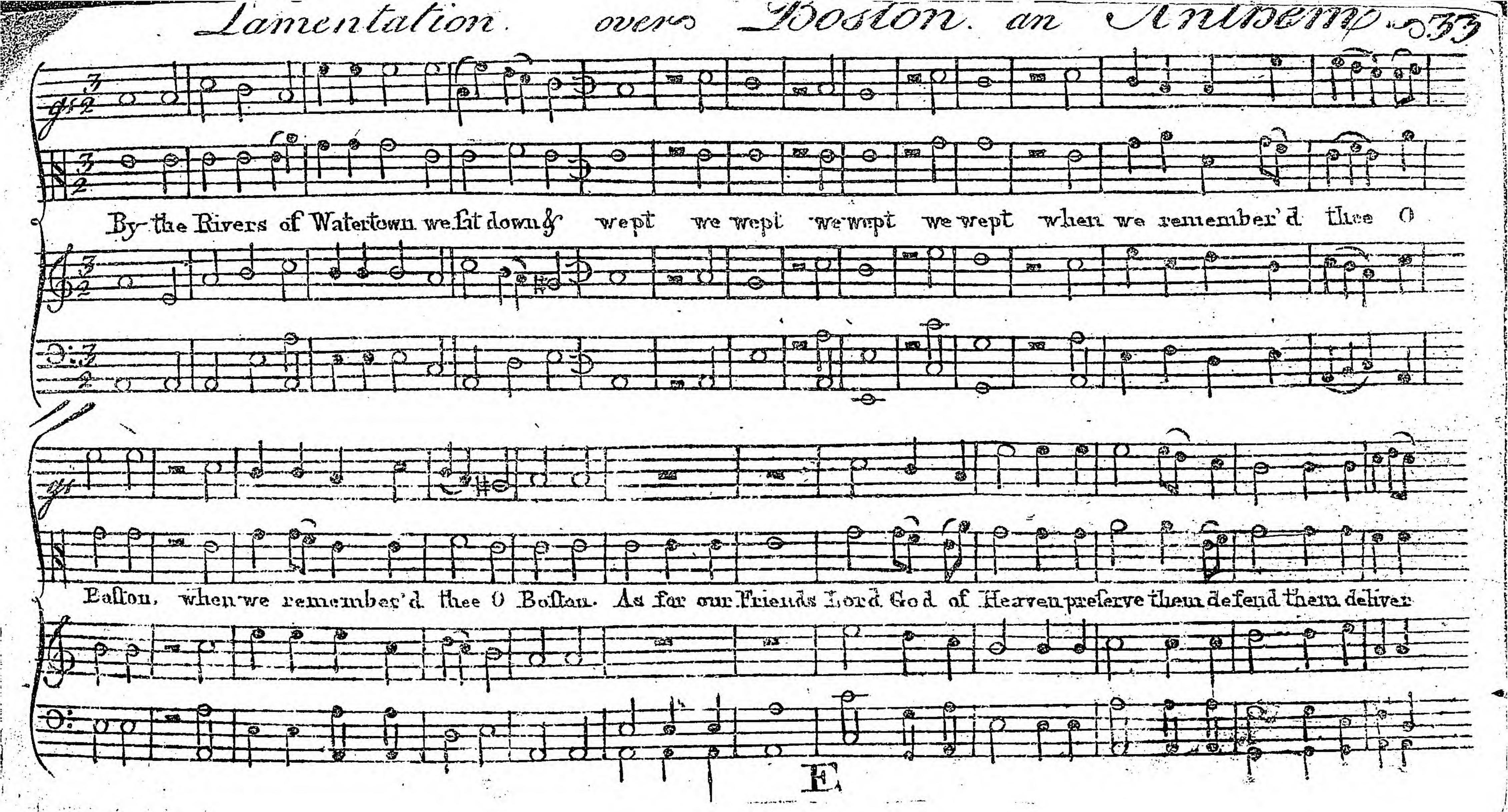






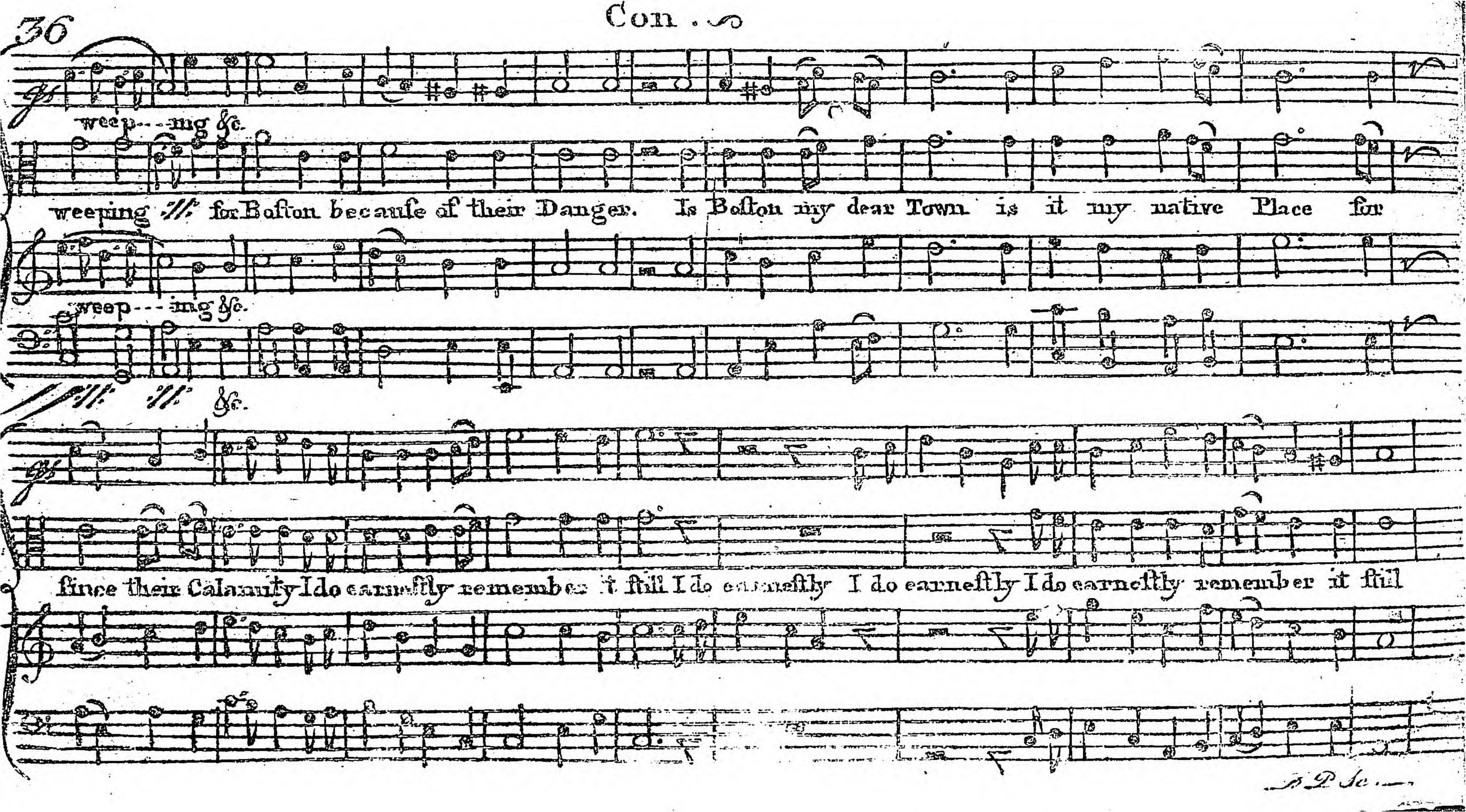


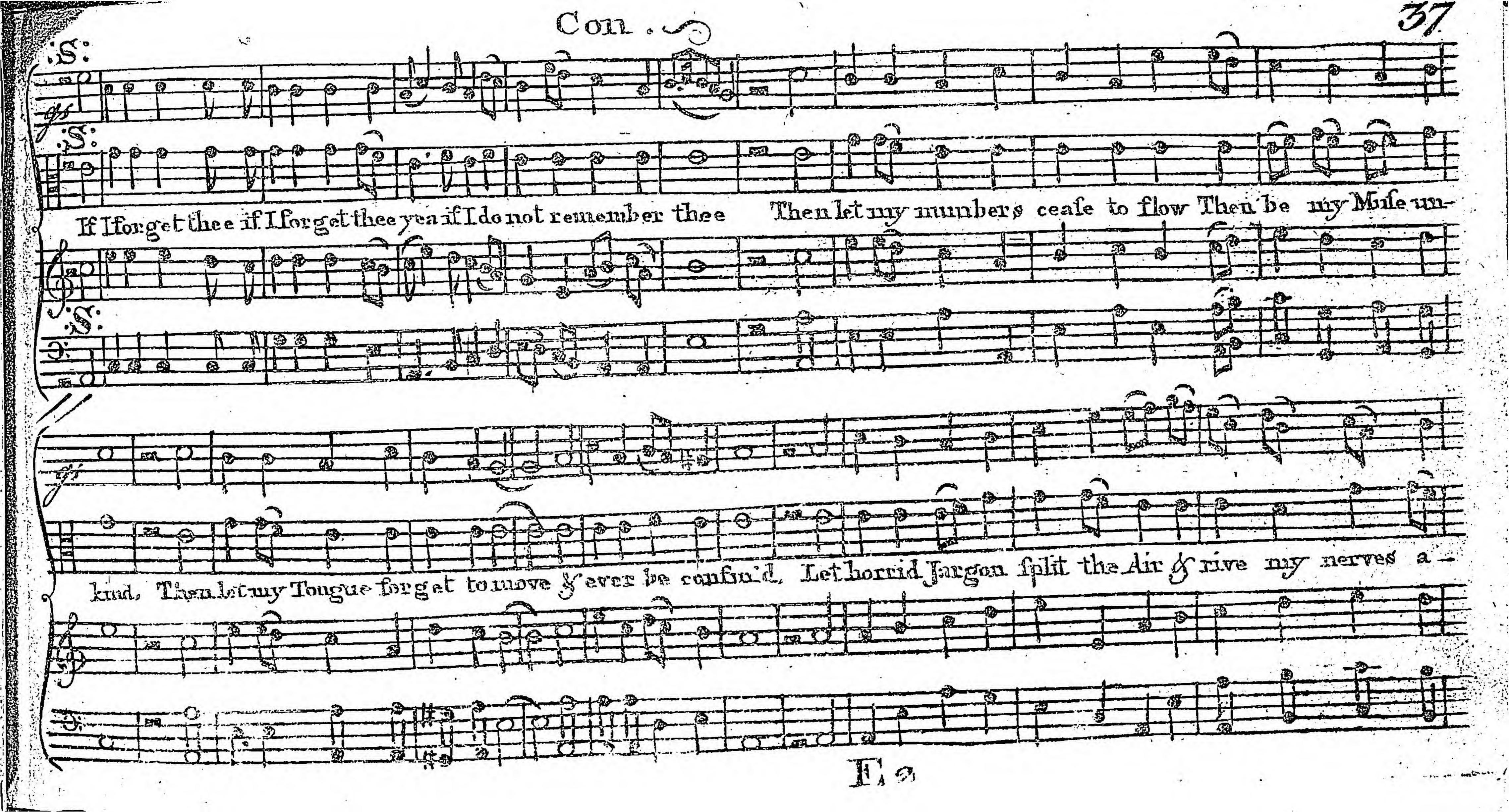






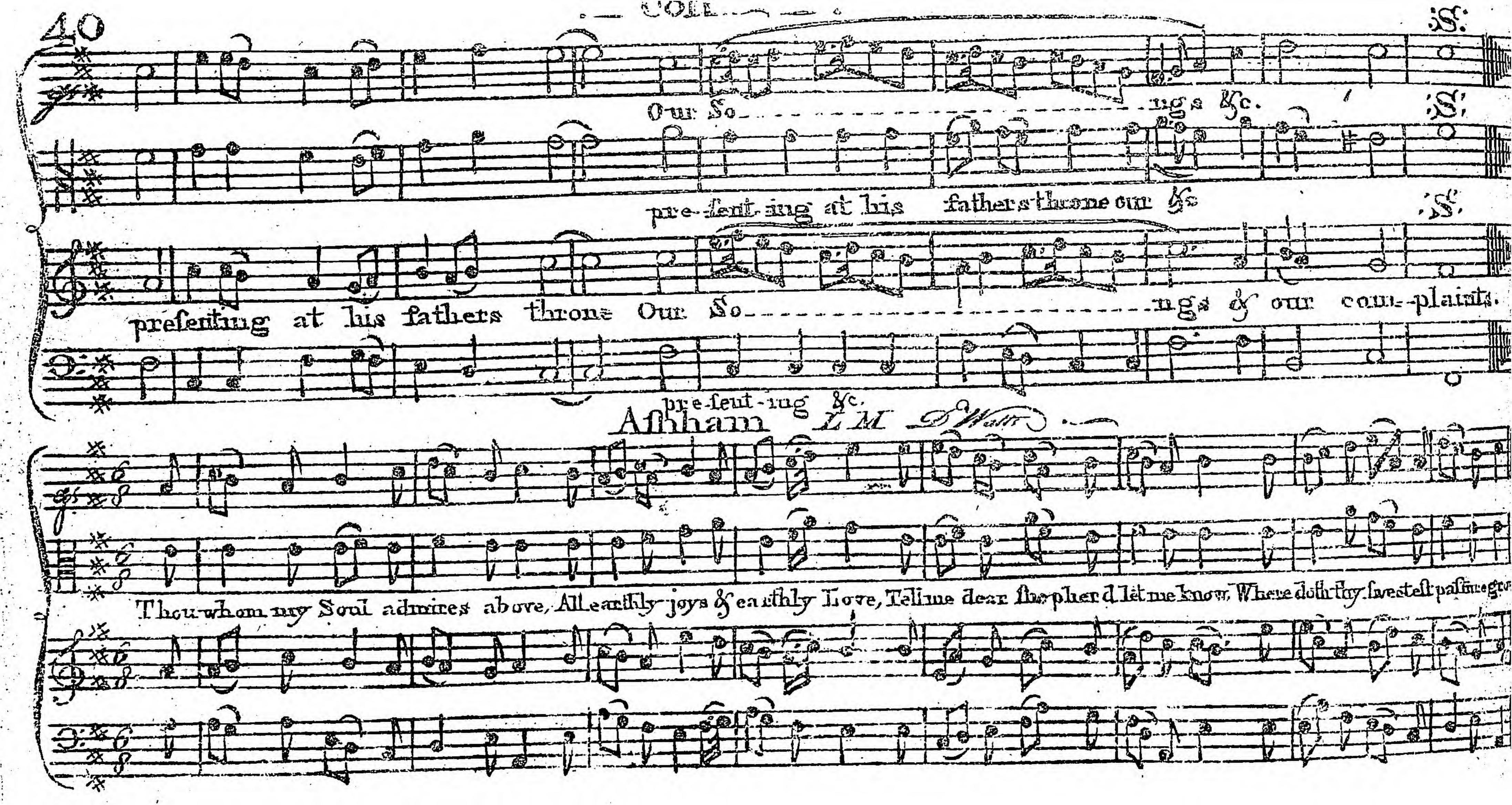




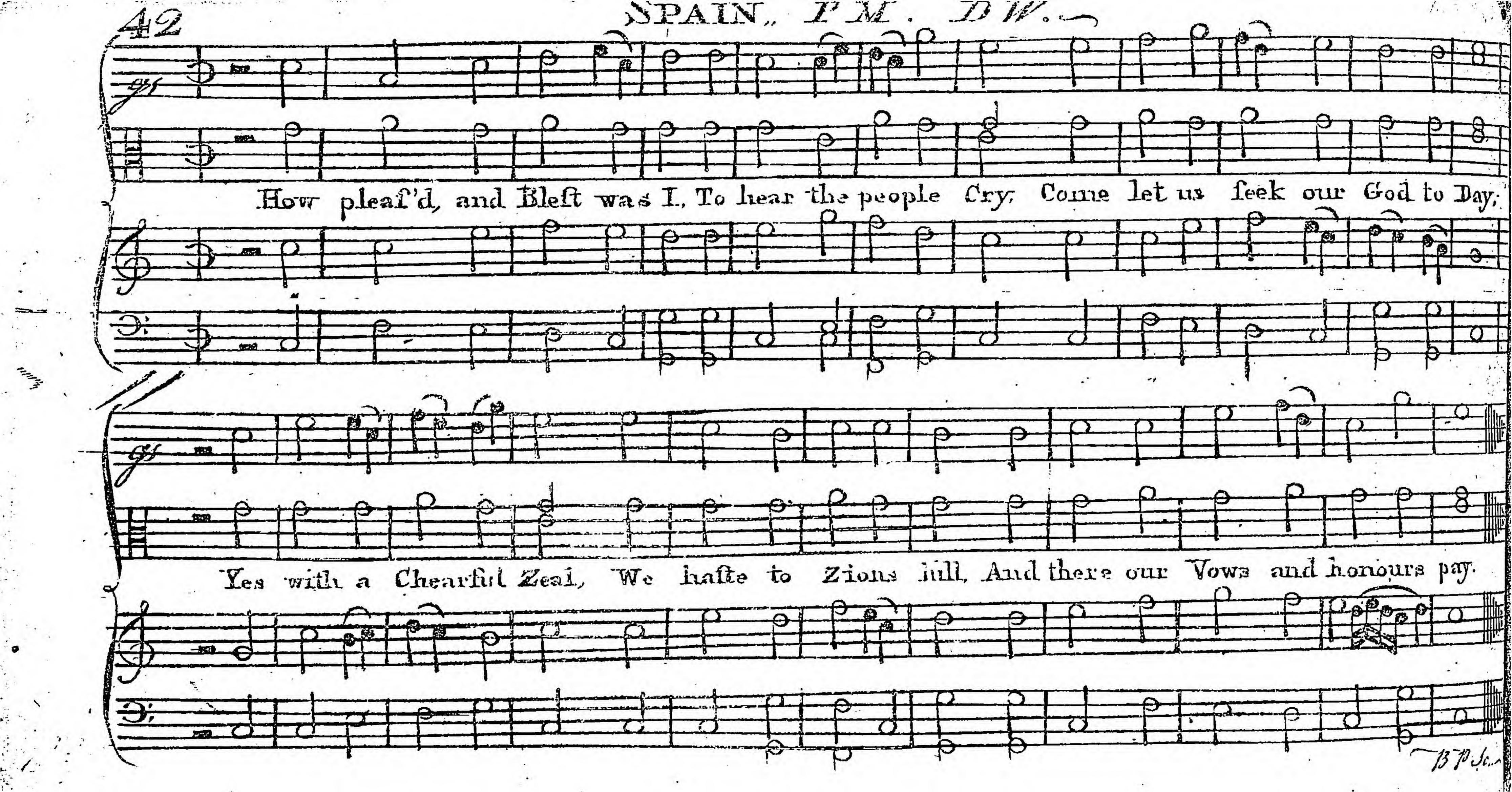








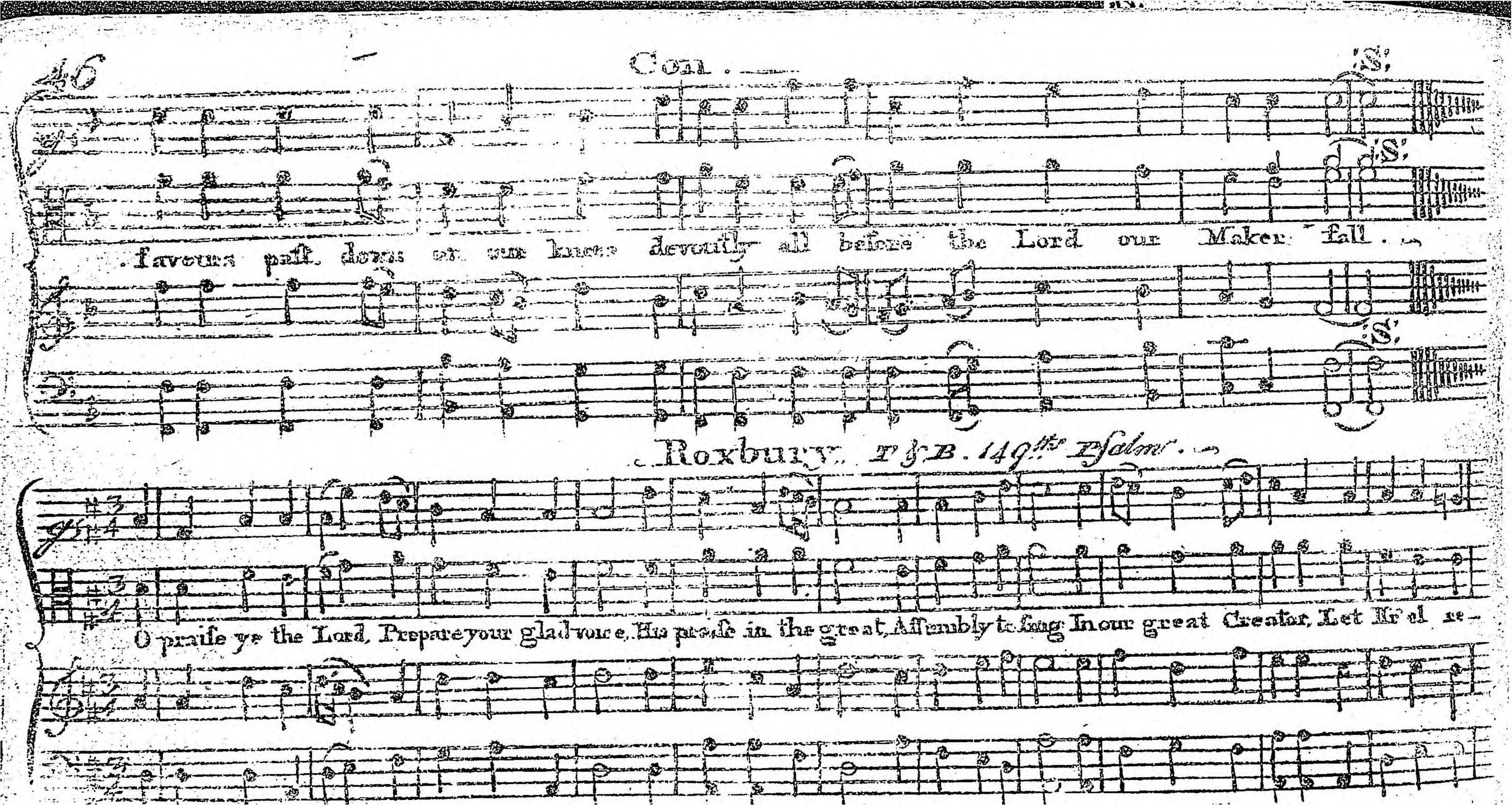




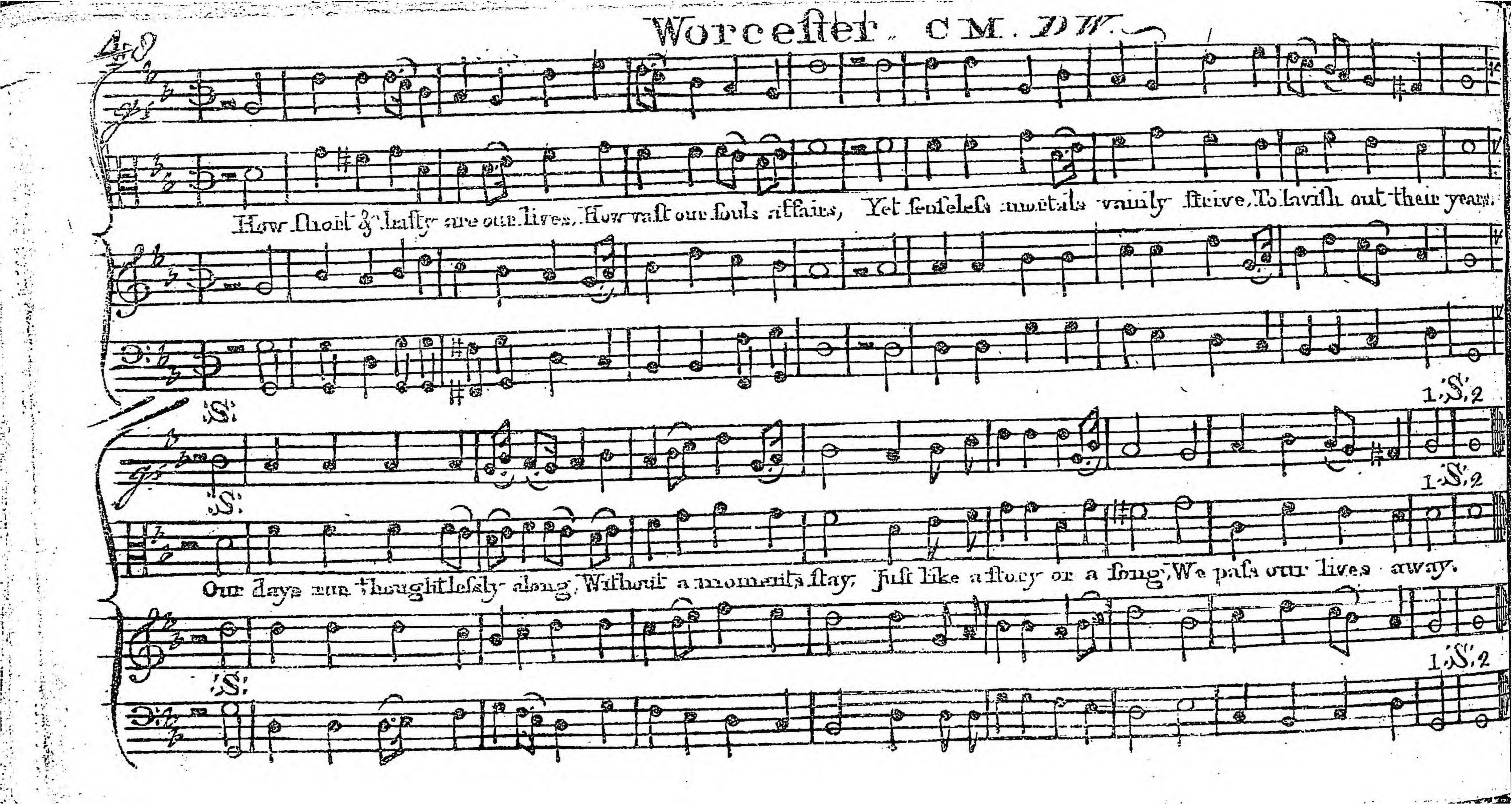




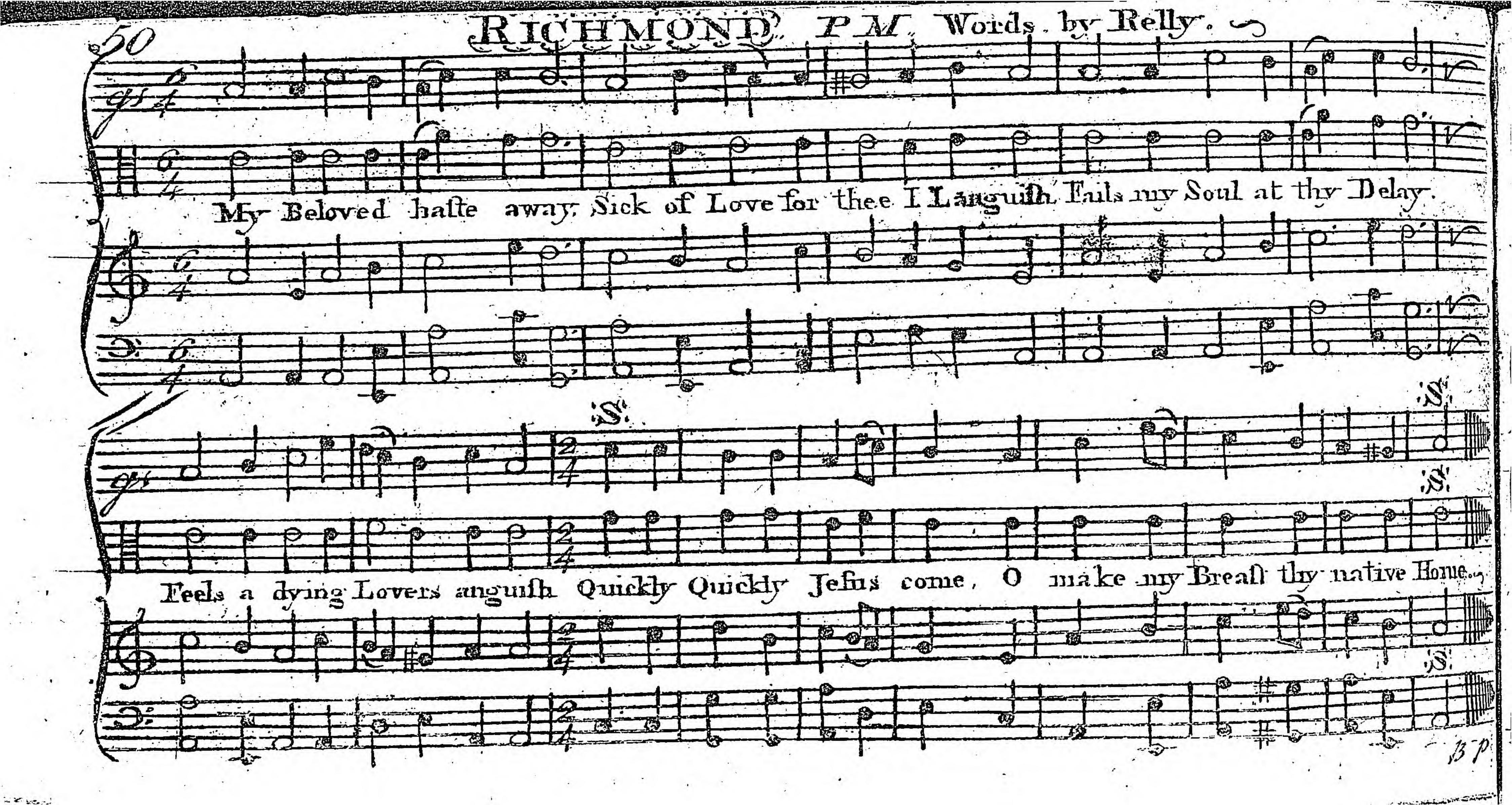




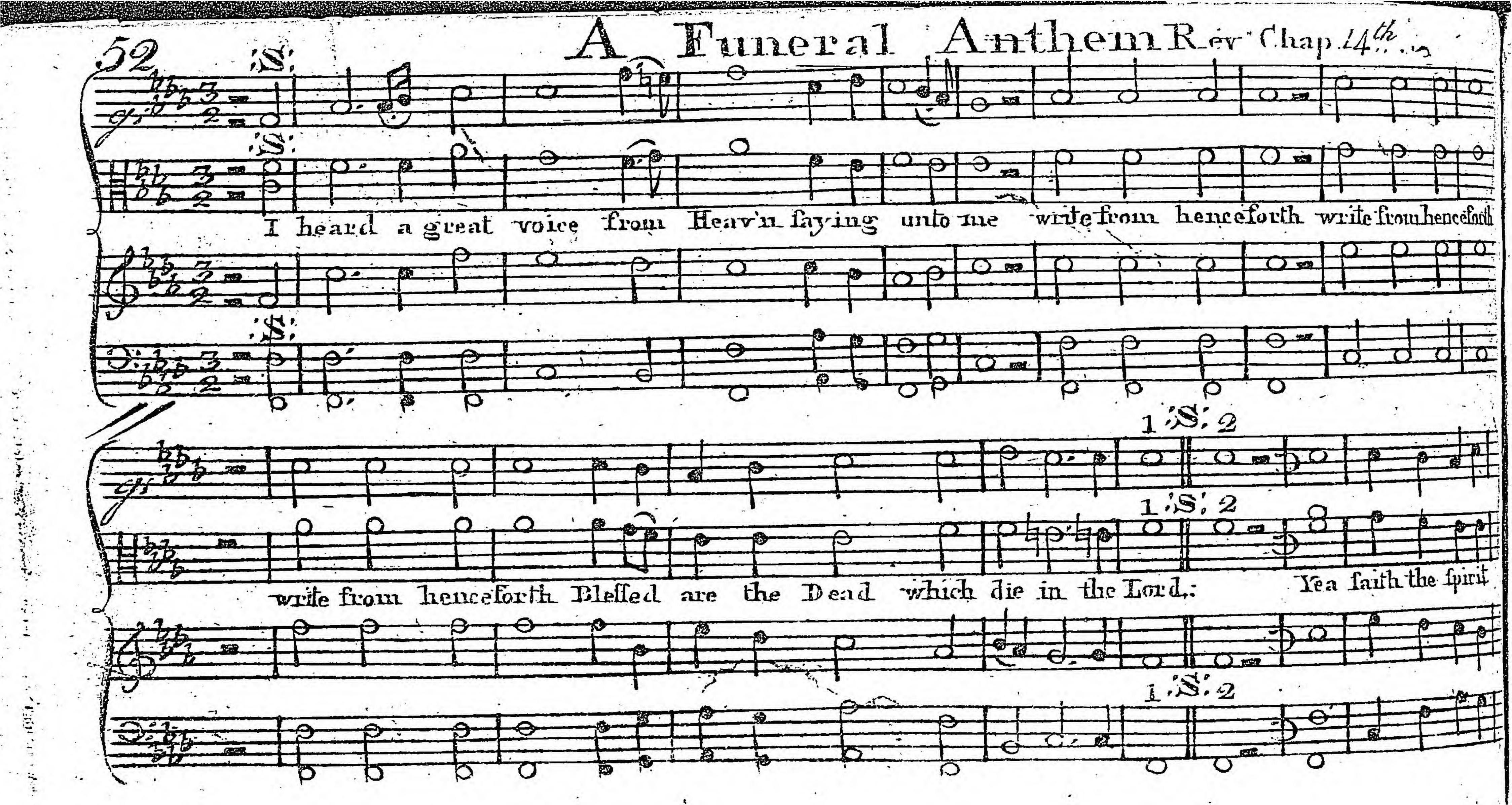








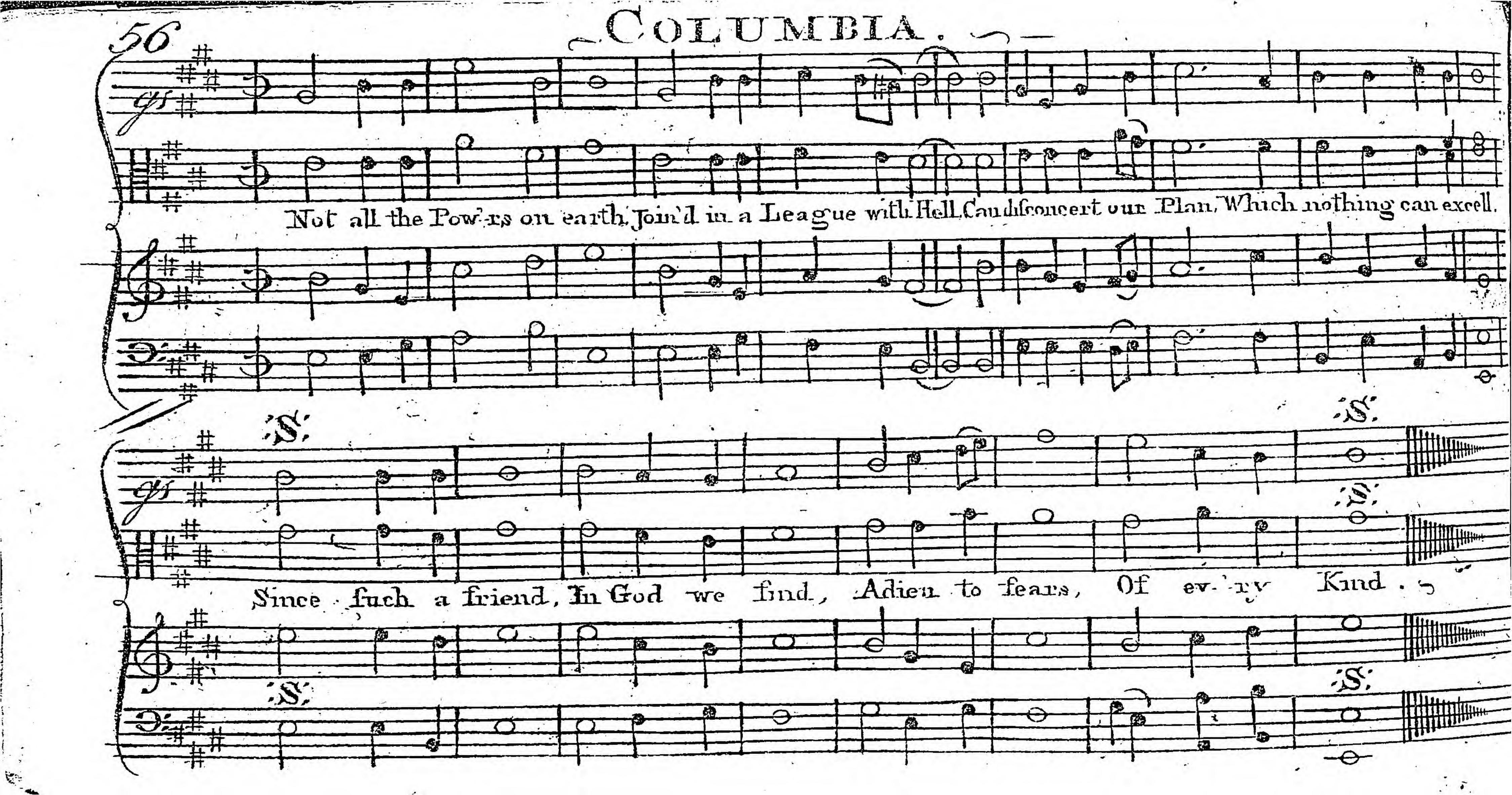












































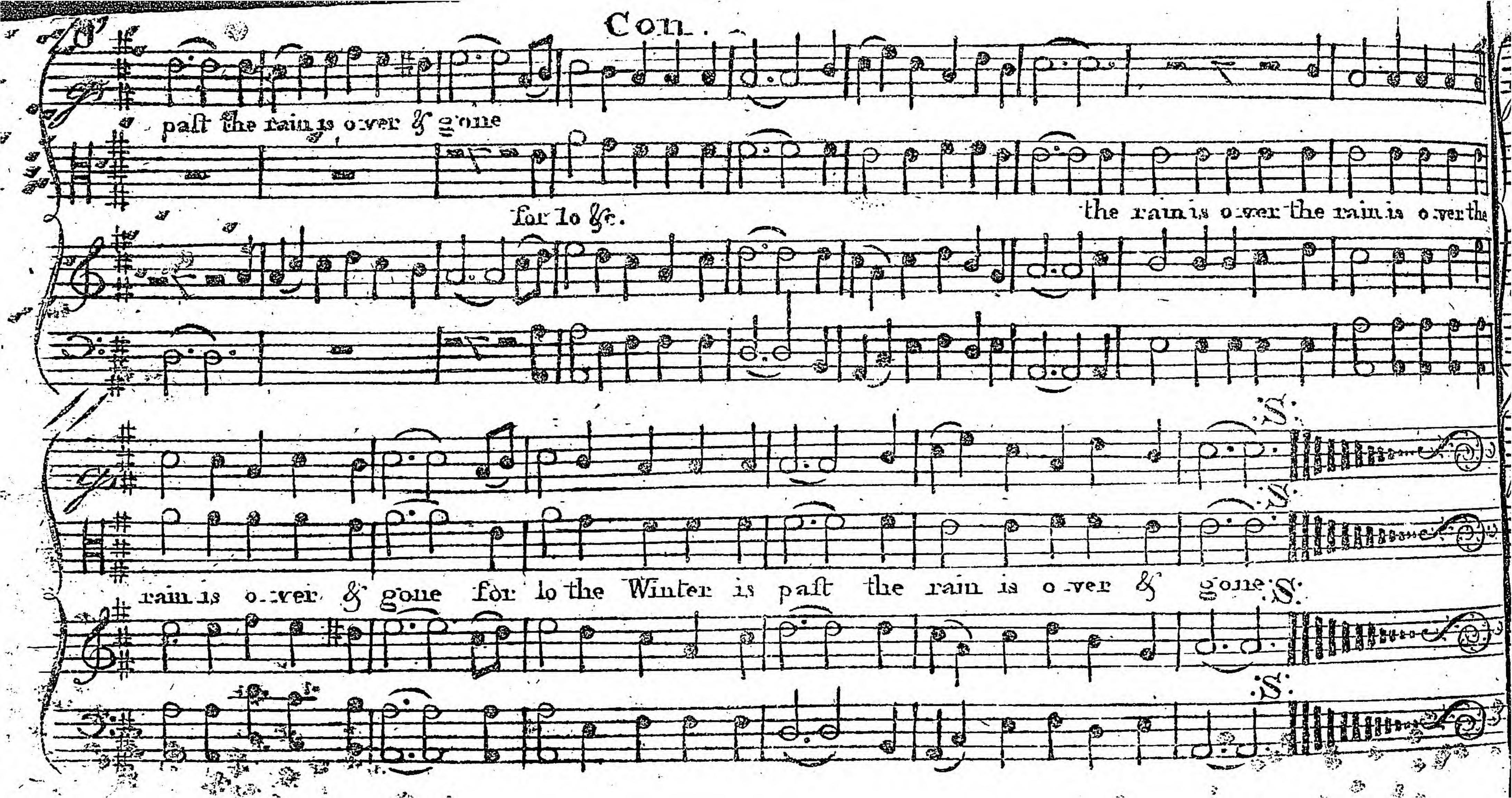


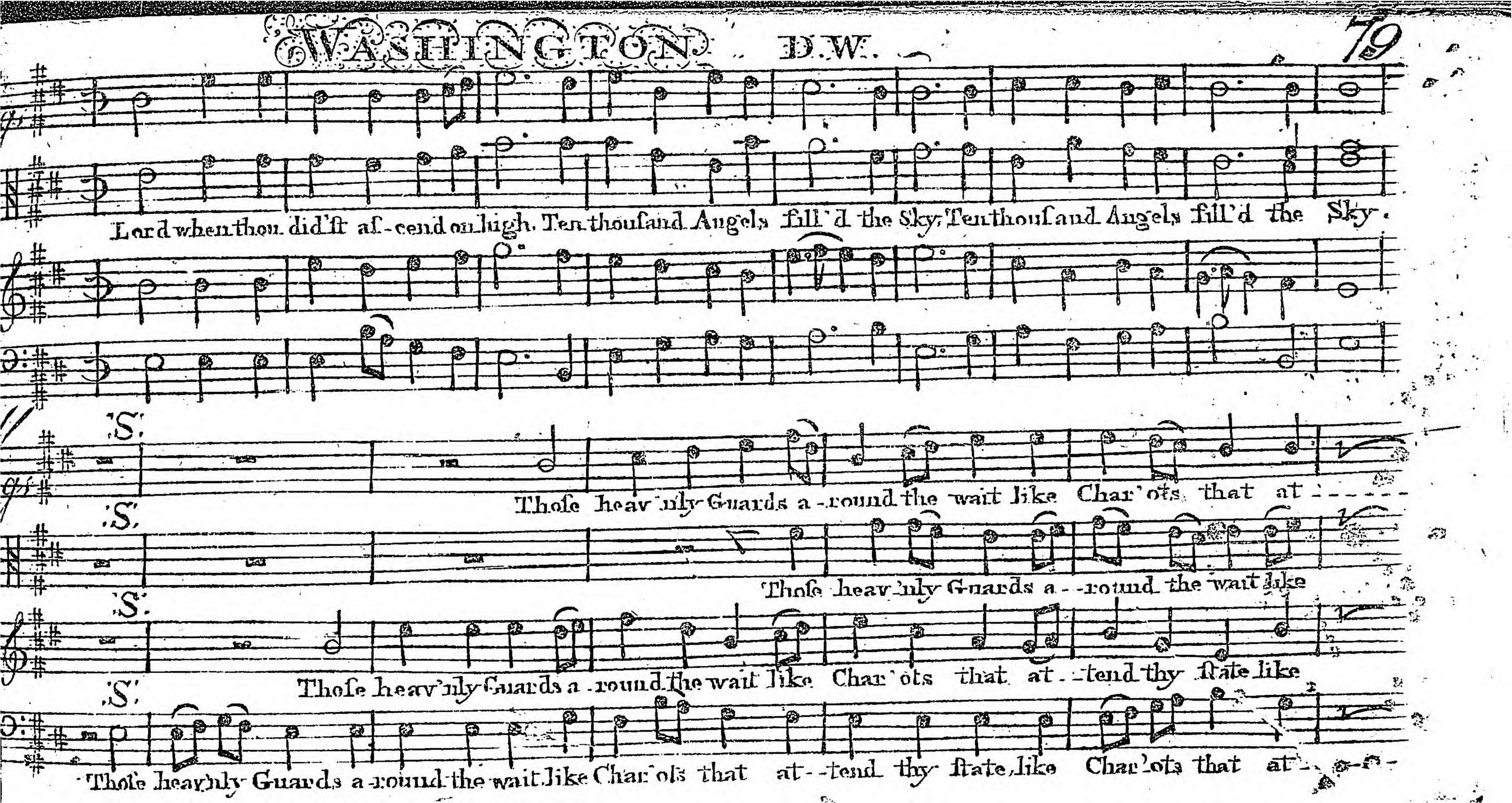










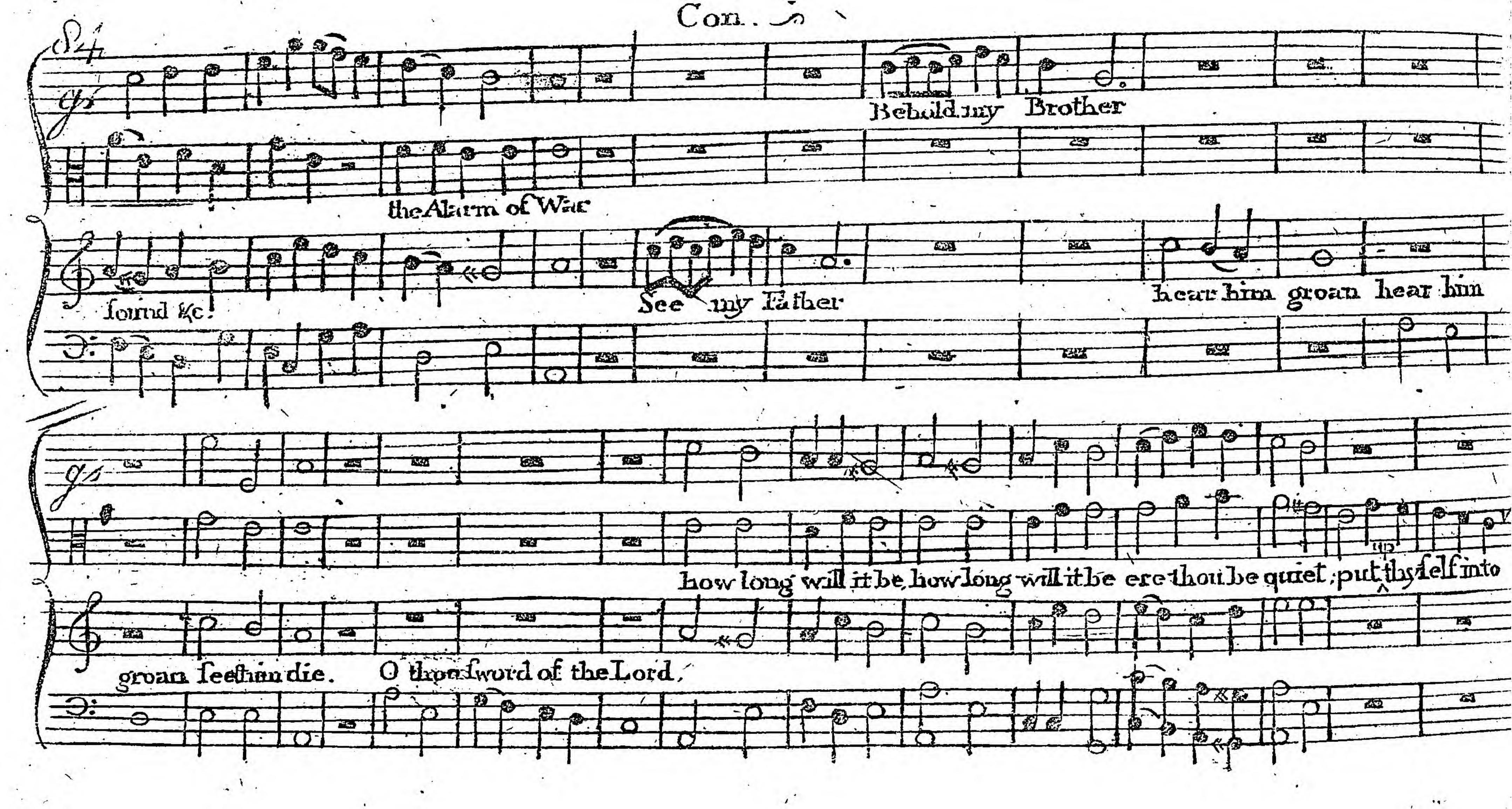








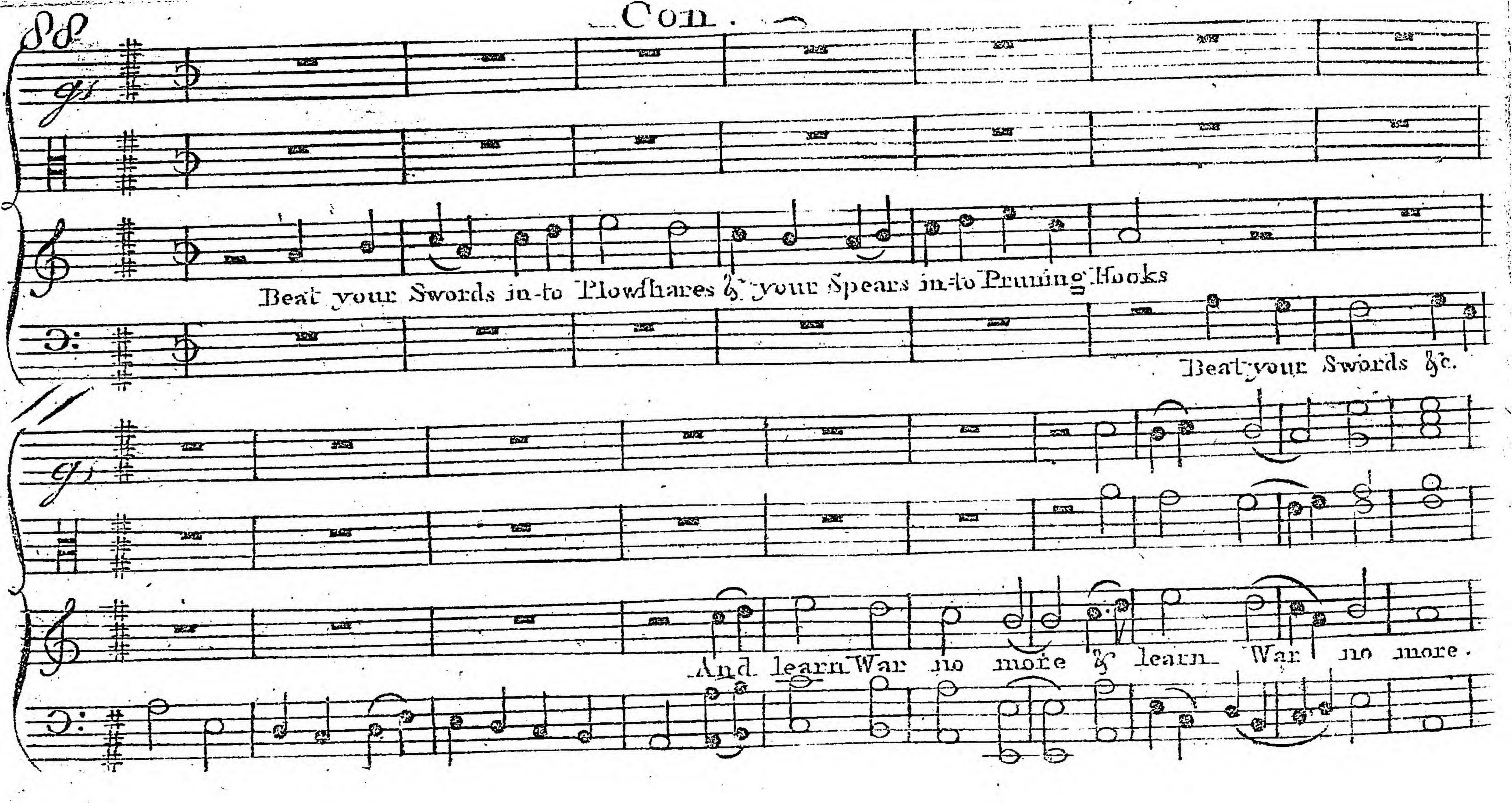


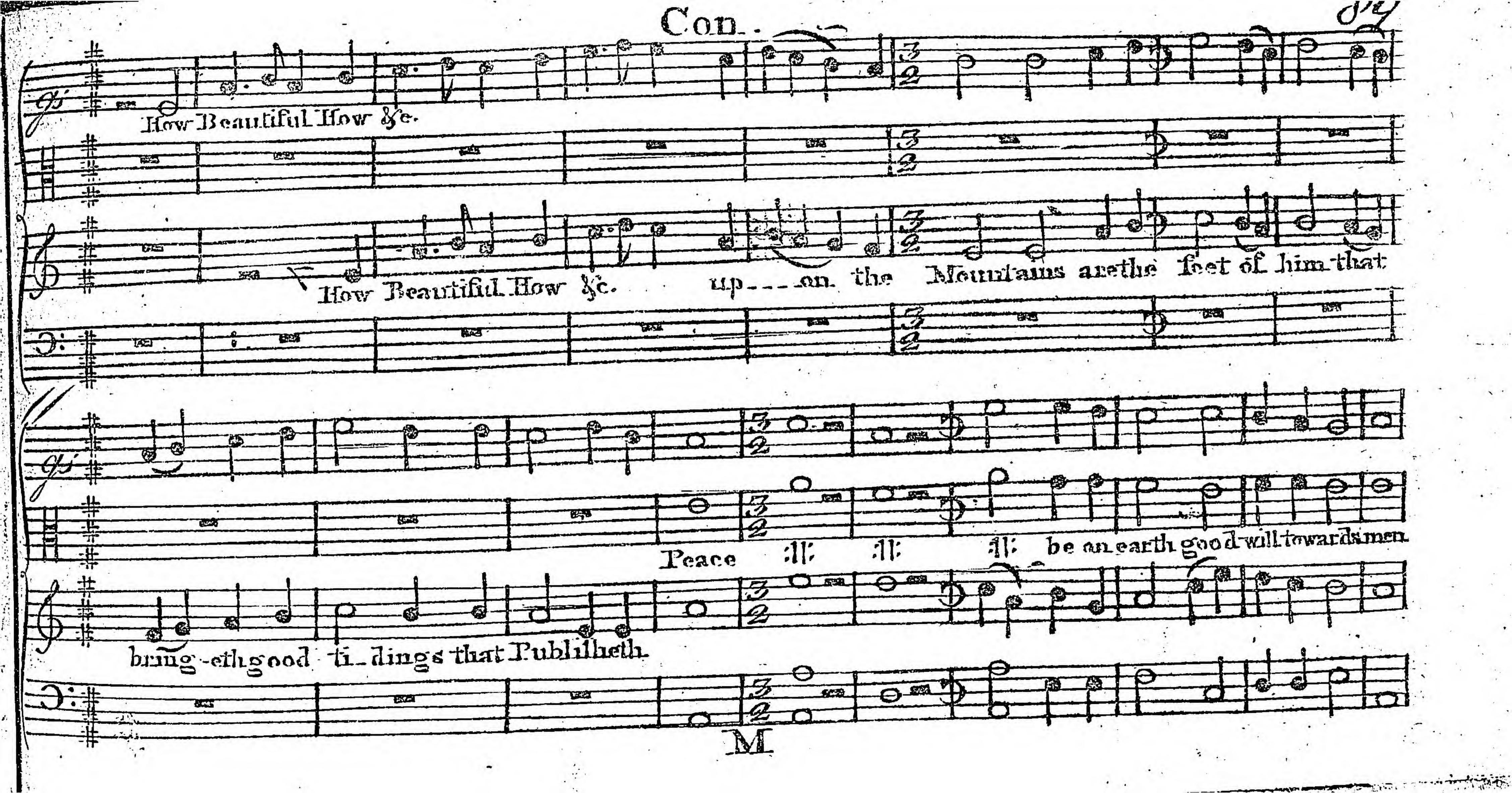














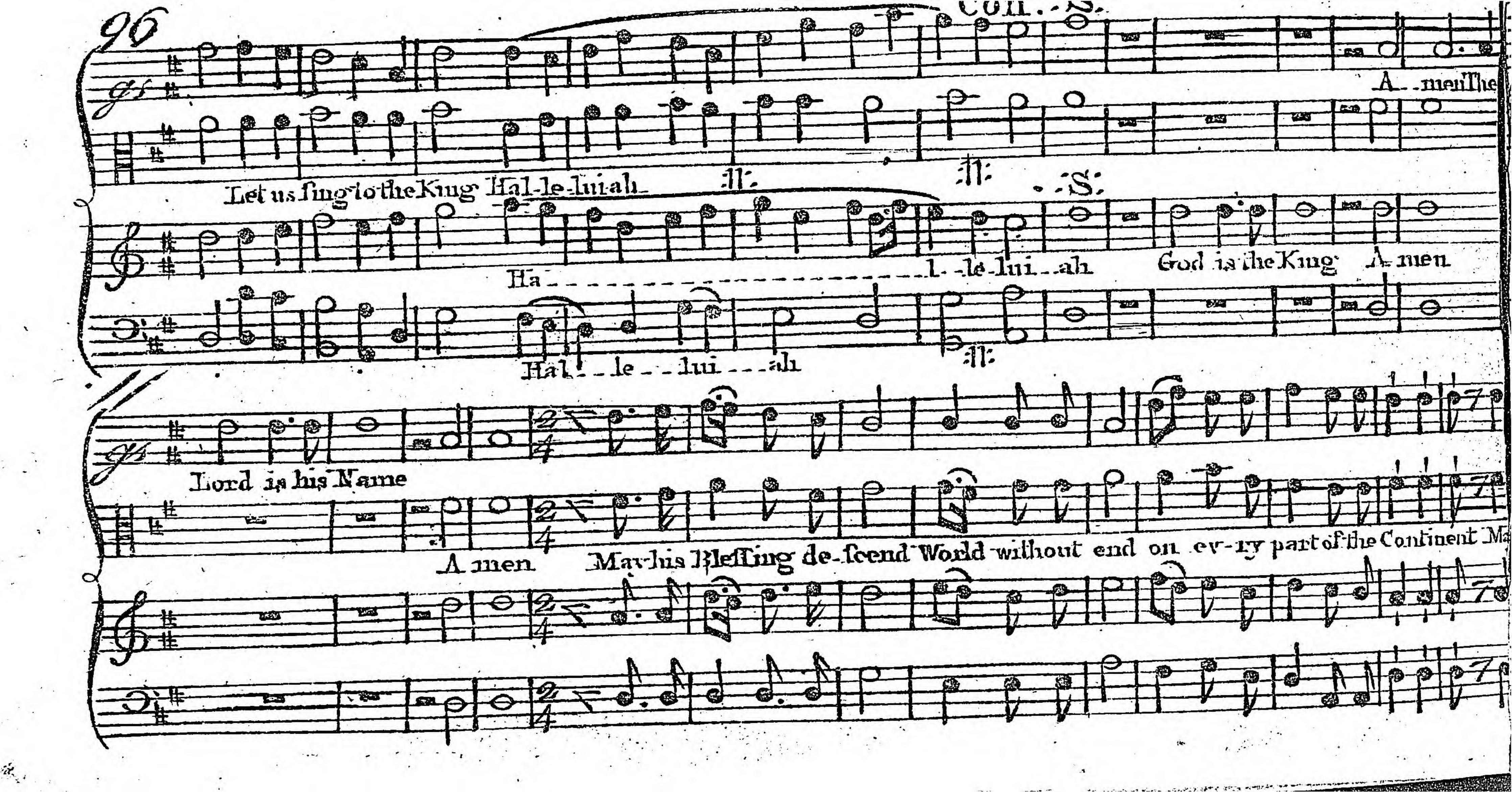










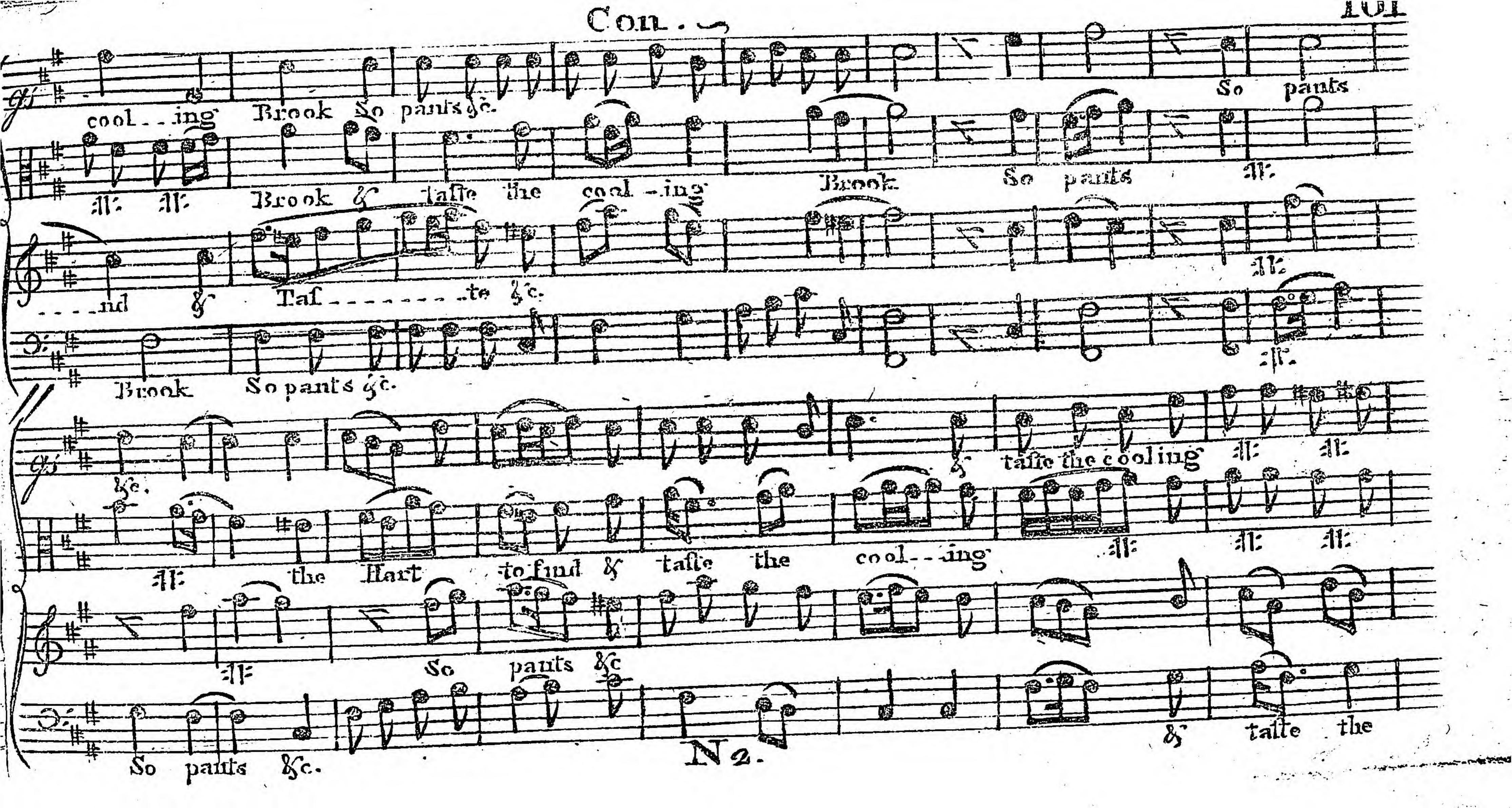


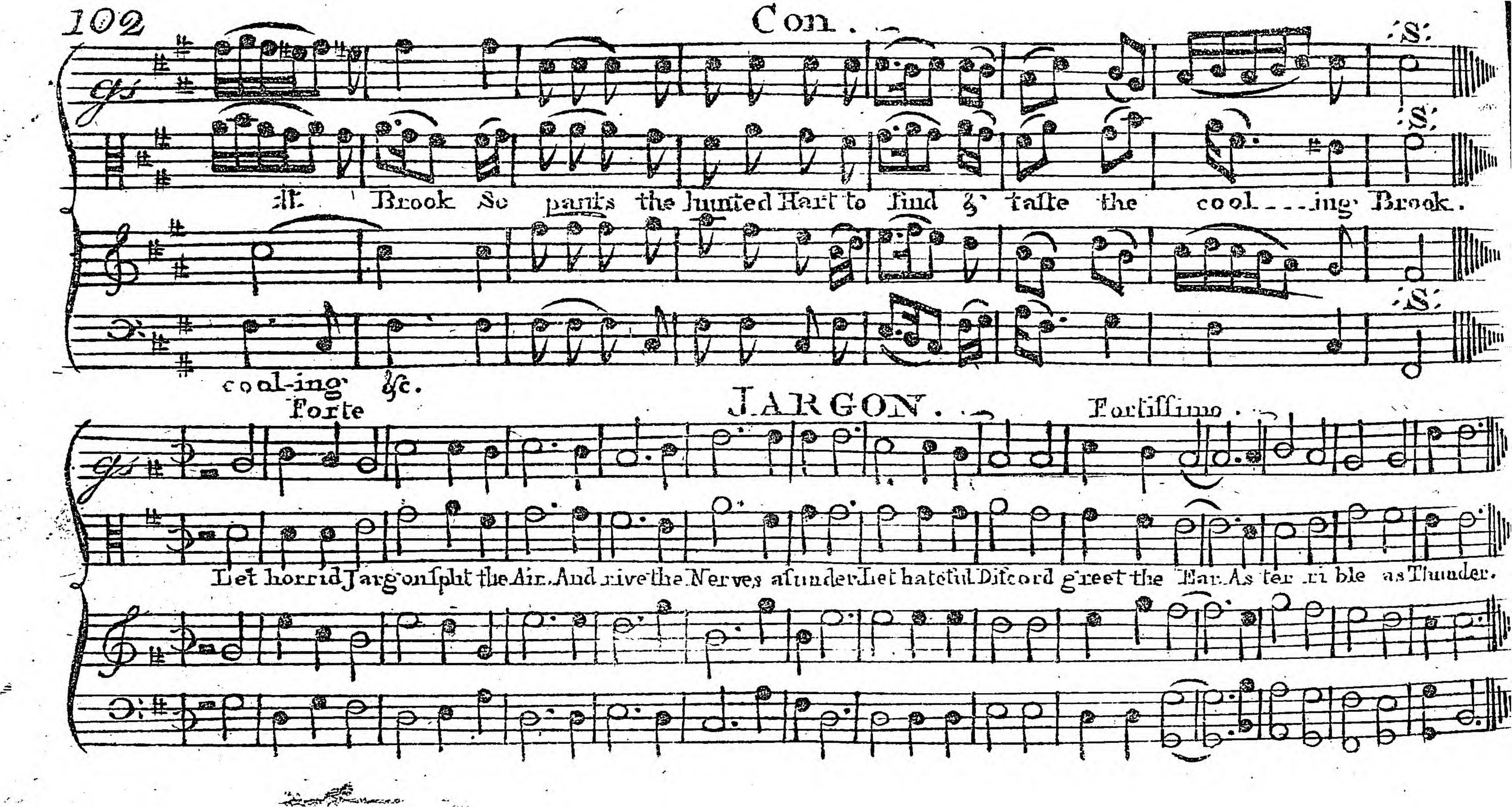




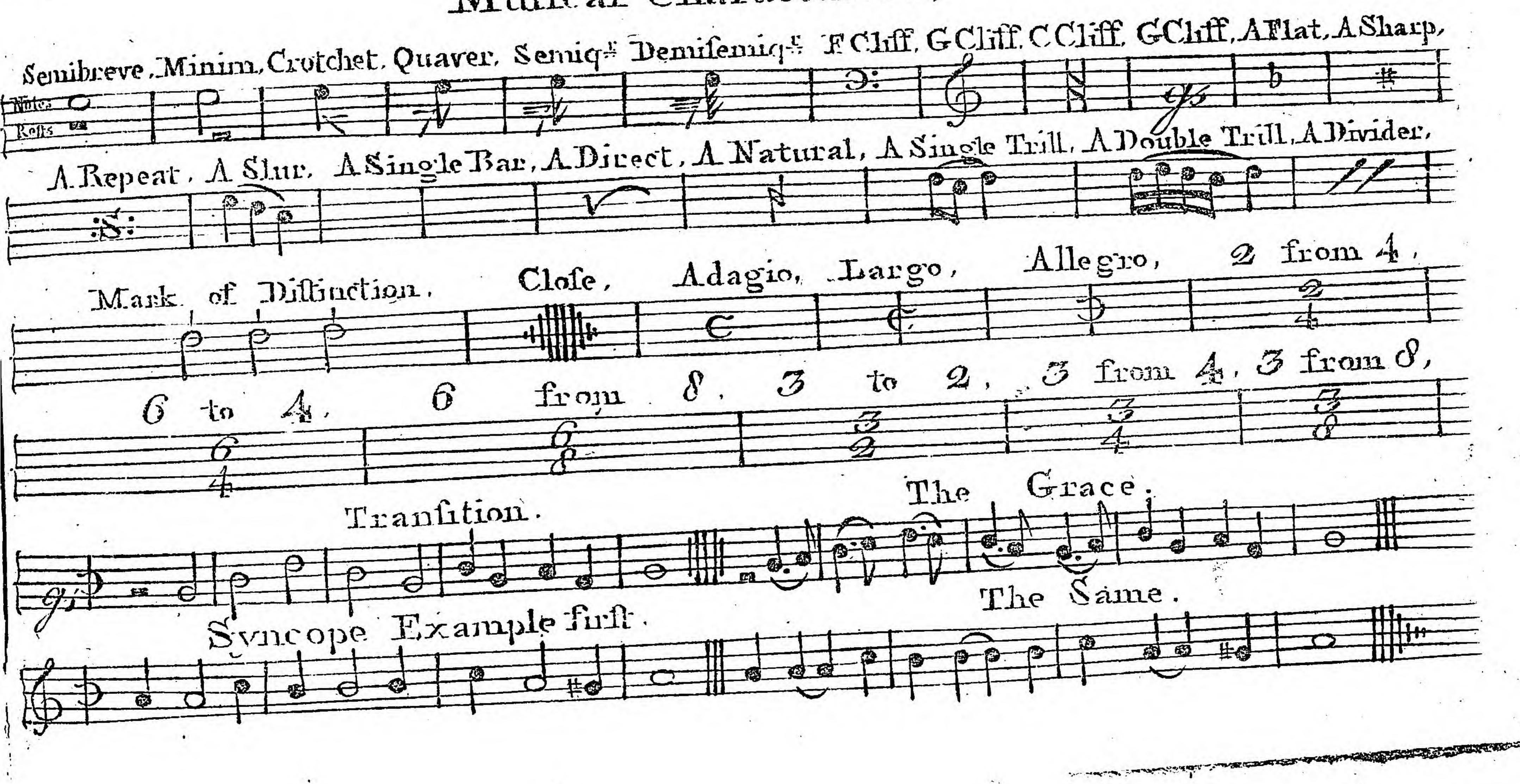








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